

WEATHER FORECASTS	
Victoria and Vicinity—	Breezy and south-westerly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—	Westerly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with rain or sleet.

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HIS ACTION MAY PROVIDE A SEAT FOR MR. MEIGHEN

Grenville's Representation Is Left Open by Member-Elect Accepting Salaried Position Under Crown—Writs Are Issued Calling for Election on January 26—Majority Was Large.

HON. T. A. CRERAR WILL NOT JOIN CABINET OF HON. MACKENZIE KING

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The political event of the day is that the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, present Prime Minister, plans to remain in public life. Following a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon, writs were issued for a by-election in Grenville County, Ontario, January 26. The vacancy occurred owing to A. Casselman, Conservative member-elect, having accepted a salaried office under the crown. No official announcement is made of the nature of the office to which Mr. Casselman has been appointed, but it is understood to be a minor position in one of the public departments. Carrying with it a salary, however, it disqualifies Mr. Casselman from sitting in Parliament, and the seat automatically becomes vacant. When nominations are received for the district, the intention, it is stated, is to nominate Mr. Meighen in the Conservative interest with a view to his leading the Conservative opposition next session.

BRING PRESSURE TO HELP TREATY

Communities in Ireland—Prepare to Work for Ratification During Coming Week—Outrages in Ulster

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Today was regarded in Southern and Western Ireland as the beginning of "true week," which is to be devoted to bringing public pressure to bear in favor of the ratification of the peace treaty. An extensively signed petition from all classes of the community has been sent to Sir Patrick MacCurtain, former representative of the Dail, Dáil Éireann in the United States, imploring him to actively support the treaty, instead, as he had announced, of merely abstaining from voting either for or against.

The Irish Horsebreeders' Association at the Dublin town hall adopted a resolution which will be sent to the principal members of the Dail, strongly supporting ratification of the treaty. The resolution says that under the new regime horse-breeding in Ireland will become a much more important industry and open many new opportunities for employment.

BELFAST, Dec. 27.—One man was killed and several wounded when a number of constabulary patrol and a number of men in the Morrowside area today.

The constables challenged the men who were acting suspiciously, whereupon one of them opened fire, wounding a policeman. A running fight followed in which the sniper was killed.

Word was received today that armed raiders attacked Bernard Gibbons at his farmhouse in County Donegal, killing a laborer and wounding Gibbons. The raiders fled, but five subsequently were arrested and one died of injuries.

ROTARIANS NEED FINAL HUNDREDS

Christmas Fund Within Reach of Goal—Only \$600 Needed—Christmas Tree Today at Pantages

With only six hundred dollars more needed to reach the goal of the Christmas Fund to the \$10,000 asked for the committee decided to hold it open till tonight so as to give everybody the opportunity of adding their share to the total. Last night the fund stood at \$9,440.18, and the Rotarian Club asks that the people of Victoria put it over the top before the day is out. The money raised so far has been distributed, and many families have been provided with food and clothing. There are yet many who need help, however, and the six hundred asked for today is badly needed to enable the committee to care for everyone.

Money is also needed for the Christmas tree which will be held at the Pantages Theatre today. When Santa Claus will make his appearance down a real chimney. This will be the only Christmas celebration that 1,000 poor children will have in Victoria this year, and the Rotarians want to make it a real good time for these kiddies.

Manager Jamison has lent the Pantages Theatre for the occasion, and Manager E. Clark of the Variety Theatre has agreed to provide a comedy film to be shown for the entertainment of the big audience of children.

Members of the committee which distributed the Rotarians fund worked hard all weekend seeing to the sup-

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WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING HERE

The Bank of Montreal will erect a new main office building in Victoria. Construction is expected to commence early in the Spring.

Although the plans are not ready for publication, it is understood that the building when completed will be one of the most imposing bank edifices on the Coast, and probably the largest in Canada. The bank owns property to the rear of the present structure at the corner of Bastion and Government Streets, running through to Langley Street, and most of this area will be covered by the new building, which will be of single story type, and the design will incorporate many features characteristic of the home office in Montreal.

ERROR IN HOSPITAL GIVES FAMILY GRIEF

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An attendant in a Brooklyn hospital picked up a dead man who had failed to the floor and placed it on the wrong bed. The occupant of the bed died, and James Crowder, a parlor, was informed that his father had passed away.

Crowder bought floral pieces and a casket and rented carriages for a funeral, and expected a sad Christmas.

His sister was the first of those to face by the side of the funeral service. She fainted, and in a moment Crowder discovered the dead man was not his father.

A telephone call quickly brought the news that the father was still alive. Today he was recovered, and back home with his children.

SAANICH INQUIRY WITHOUT RESULTS

Council Sits as Investigation Committee on Works Department—Written Complaints Few and Minor

After hearing considerable general criticism and receiving, in writing, only two minor complaints, the Saanich Council, sitting last evening in the Tolmie School as a committee of investigation, dismissed charges against the Works Department, adjourned, and the ratepayers who were present held a meeting of their own and discussed sundry municipal matters.

At the opening of the investigation Clark Cooper read the resolution passed by the Council, authorizing the inquiry. It was as follows: "That in view of criticism against the Works Department a committee be appointed to investigate any complaints that may be brought forward in writing."

Mr. George Hornsey read a lengthy statement of the North American criticism of the Council. It was addressed to no one, and concluded: "Discreetly and discreetly." Reeve Watson claimed that the document was neither respectful nor was it addressed to the Council, and for the latter reason ruled it out.

Reeve Watson pointed out that the inquiry was being held owing to certain indications being made against Head Superintendent Girling. Councillor Kingwell protested that the Reeve was putting an interpretation upon the resolution of the Council different from that intended. Councillor Horner, he said, had asked for an investigation and said that he had carried charges to make against Mr. Girling.

The question of what powers the Council had regarding the cleaning out and opening of ditches was discussed by Reeve Watson and Mr. Horner. The drainage problem was the one most discussed during the adjournment.

After the Council meeting had been adjourned, Mr. Ernest Orr, candidate for councillor in Ward Seven, was put in the chair and some sixty ratepayers discussed a variety of subjects in haphazard fashion. Two resolutions were passed. One arose out of a complaint about municipal cars being used for private business, and another at the meeting recommended a putting of coats-of-arms on the sides of the municipal vehicles. The first idea was to have the resolution apply only to the passenger motor car, but when Mr. Tom Dooey sarcastically added a rider that "mad-wagons" also be added, the meeting solemnly adopted his suggestion.

A second resolution asked that Council meetings be held alternately at Royal Oak and Tolmie School for the convenience of the people of the inner wards.

Mr. Robert Macleod, councillor candidate in Ward Two, spoke, and both he and Mr. Orr, another candidate for office, asked numerous questions as to what they would do if they got into the Council.

Consults Premier Drury

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Hon. T. A. Crerar is in the city, probably discussing important political matters with leaders of the Progressive or United Farmer party in Ontario, but, to use the words of a local newspaper reporter, the Progressive leader's "invisibility" was painfully apparent.

On arrival here today, Mr. Crerar took a long, low-keyed tone, according to all information obtainable, as he had conferences with nobody, unless the conversations took place over the telephone. Later it was given out that Mr. Crerar had left for Queen's Park, where it is understood, a conference was to be held with Hon. H. C. Drury, the United Farmers' Premier of Ontario. At the provincial executive buildings neither Mr. Crerar nor Mr. Drury was in evidence.

ANTI-LIQUOR MOVE IS MADE IN MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Calling upon the Provincial Legislature to continue the present liquor ban in force, for a period of at least three years, in order to give it an effective test before the people of the Province are asked to vote on an alternative measure, a petition is being circulated throughout Manitoba by several religious bodies opposing proposals of the Moderation League for Government liquor dispensaries.

Bald Robbery in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—With hundreds of persons passing at the time, two armed men today entered a downtown jewelry store and escaped with \$700 cash and jewelry worth \$5,000.

It is not expected that the settlement will be damaged in any event.

Engineers Beach Gold Coast

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—The first party of engineers which went from British Columbia to take charge of harbor and railway construction work in the gold fields of the West Africa on behalf of the Imperial Government by Major-General J. W. Stewart, C.B., R.C.M.P., of this city, has arrived in the scene of operations.

CALLS POWERS TO CONFERENCE

Premier Briand Invites Representatives From Britain, U.S., Italy, Japan and Belgium to Meeting at Cannes

WIDER GATHERING TO BE PROPOSED

London Times Offers Unfavorable Comments on Supposed Plan of Opening Relations With Soviet Russia

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Premier Briand has invited the British, United States, Japan and Belgian Governments to be represented at the international financial and economic conference to be held at Cannes, January 26. The programme will include questions of reparations and the calling of an international conference.

London Times Is Dubious

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Declaring that

the conference has accumulated of the British Government's desire to open relations with Russia, The London Times con-

firms the reports of December 20, that

Premier Lloyd George has suggested a five-power conference, which represen-

tatives of Russia and of Germany

will be invited, early in

February, at which time it is ex-

pected M. Tchitcherin, the Russian

Soviet Foreign Minister, and M. Lit-

vinoff will have visited London and by

their answers to certain questions will

have prepared the way for the presence

of Soviet representatives at the con-

ference, which is to be the successor

of the abortive Prinkipo conference of

1919.

The meeting of British and French

business men, which is taking place in

Paris during the current week, it is believed, will lead to an agreement on certain broad principles. These will be submitted to the Supreme Council at Cannes as a basis for the re-establishment of European financial corpora-

tion for the economic and industrial re-

construction of Europe.

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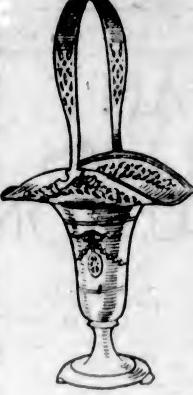
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LABOR OUTLOOK HAS IMPROVED

Capable Observers in Britain Believe Situation Is Better Than for Some Time Past—Coal Trade Picks Up

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Good judges hold the opinion that the labor outlook in Great Britain for 1922 is less menacing than it has been at this period of the year for some time past, and that a better feeling exists between employers and workers.

Wages have been reduced in many trades under sliding scale arrangements, and under up-to-date methods of living, and in other big industries, such as engineering and shipbuilding, wage cuts have come into operation

The reduction of railway freight rates for coal, although not so great as had been hoped for by the miners' leaders, will almost certainly stimulate the iron and steel trades, while the revival of the coal export trade has brought some hope in some large mining districts.

Some authorities believe the worst is over, and that the depression is at length passing. Better times for the miners will almost automatically bring a measure of improvement for other classes of workers.

ITALY CONCLUDES TREATY WITH SOVIET

ROME, Dec. 27.—The terms of the commercial agreement between Italy and Soviet Russia, which was signed yesterday by Foreign Minister Dino Rocca and M. Vorovsky, the Soviet representative, were published today by the Rome newspapers. The agreement is temporary, and provides for resumption of trade between the countries pending negotiations for a general economic treaty.

The agreement contains reciprocal clauses regarding imports and exports and port facilities, and provides for the abolition by Russia from propaganda. It does away with all trade barriers except as to the importation of Italian alcoholic liquors from Russia.

Both parties agree mutually to refrain from forms of blockade and boycott, and agree not to hamper postal and telegraph communications. Soviet Russia agrees not to requisition goods, and agrees not to demand from Italy funds from property belonging to the old Russian regime.

Arrangements were made whereby a relief mission financed by the Italian Government will operate in Southern Russia under the auspices of the Italian Red Cross.

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M. BRIAND OBTAINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

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MAJOR OUTLINES

CIVIC PROGRESS

In Annual Report to Council He Touches on Main Municipal Issues and Describes Work of Corporation

I am of the opinion that every city or town on this Island should contribute towards an organization that is so worthy and successful in bringing both transient and permanent visitors here.

Finance

The financial situation is a problem of which all governments, municipal or otherwise, are giving serious thought. During the year Local Improvement bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 were issued. No money by any means were submitted to the electors for their endorsement, which, in my opinion, is a policy which should be continued until more of the city's debt is liquidated.

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During the year we collected seven-and-a-half per cent. of our taxes.

Union of B.C. Municipalities

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LOSS TO COMMUNITY

Among all those who have taken the trouble to follow the services rendered to the community by the local Detective Force there will be a feeling of genuine regret that Detective Inspector Perdue and Detectives Carlow, Macdonald and Gedlano will no longer be engaged in police work in the city after the end of the year. The local department was built up to a high state of efficiency under Mr. Perdue. He was a deservedly popular head of the Force, and one who it will be "very difficult to replace." Throughout the long years that he has held the position he has always enjoyed the full confidence of his Chief of Police, and he earned the respect of the police departments of all neighboring cities with whom he came in contact in the discharge of his duties. Largely through the shilliness which he brought to bear on the administration of His department crime in this community has been reduced to a very low ebb. Mr. Perdue's personality has always commanded unwavering allegiance from his subordinates. Those detectives who are leaving the Force with him have earned widespread respect, and there is not a shadow of doubt that the personnel built up in the Department was fully efficient, honest, painstaking and able in the discharge of the multifarious duties which fell to its lot.

The disruption which is taking place in the local Detective Force can hardly fail to have a deleterious effect. Among other matters with which new detectives will find it difficult to cope are the Bertillon records of the Department, which under Detective Inspector Perdue, have been built up to a degree of efficiency not equalled in many cities. Mr. Perdue devoted a great deal of time and study to this phase of detective work, and his departure from the force and the consequent absence of the knowledge he possesses, will be a substantial loss to the community. In whatever new sphere Mr. Perdue, and the other detectives who are leaving the Department, may engage they will have the heartiest good wishes for their success from the great mass of citizens who recognize the service they have been to the community.

As WAR PROPHET

Mr. H. G. Wells, the novelist and writer on economic subjects, was sent to Washington by a number of newspapers to report the proceedings of the conference on a reduction of armaments. Mr. Wells, as so often in the case in his writings, has allowed his imagination to run rampant. Although he occupies the position of reporter at Washington he has not taken an impartial view of the doings of the conference, but instead, has dealt with matters and personal opinions which are quite extraneous to the subjects under discussion. It probably helps him, in all he has written, the utmost good will towards Germany and Russia, and from the beginning of his present series of dispatches he has displayed a marked aversion to France. He has even posed in the role of war prophet to the extent of expressing his personal belief that France is preparing for hostilities against Great Britain. What there has been in the doings of the Washington Conference to warrant such a monstrous suspicion is known only to the mind of Mr. Wells. From the tenor of Mr. Wells' dispatches we seek to convey the impression that what he himself thinks is of more moment to the future of the world than what the conference may do. Mr. Wells, for example, which are somewhat patent, is more popular in America than in Europe. In the Old World he is a prophet of doom; a brilliant writer, no doubt, but with neurotic tendencies and unpatriotic misgivings. His championing of Germany and Russia is not new, and his ill-considered message concerning the "end of the British Empire" might well have been expected from one who has a sinister and egoistic viewpoint, but the newspapers which enlisted his services are beginning to understand that he is using the Washington Conference mainly for his own advertisement. In this respect he does not differ much from Mrs. Bernard Shaw, who is also expressing his political views from Washington, irrespective of the actual course of the conference. Both have acquired a facility for the writing of editorials, and both would, seemingly, sacrifice truth for the turn of a phrase. Their business is mainly the expression of personal opinions, and they have thriven in it because of facile pens and brilliant phraseology. In clever writings the people do not always search for the truth. They are willing to have the ear pleased and the love of the morbid tickled when the understanding is left unconvinced. The hope may be expressed that it will be so with some of the calamitous opinions voiced by Mr. Wells as his viewpoint of the Washington Conference.

A BY-ELECTION

With five candidates announced as seeking election to the vacancy on the School Board, there is at least evidence of a recrudescence of interest in educational affairs. There are too many candidates, for the probability is that if all are nominated the successful one will not receive a majority of the votes cast and there will, therefore, be no emphatic verdict on the part of the people. We are not among those who believe a contest should be avoided and that by mutual agreement between the candidates one of them should be allowed to go in by acclamation. The small expense involved in a by-election will be worth while if it means an awakening in public interest in the present grave situation affecting school affairs, and particularly with regard to expenditures. A contest is desirable, but it should be a contest between representatives of policies which might be described as the status quo and the need of thorough reform.

With five or more candidates in the field there will, no doubt, be as many viewpoints, and the electorate will be proportionately perplexed. It will be difficult to ascertain which is best fitted for the position by education, training and experience. Forcefulness of character, combined with a sound appreciation of the limitations of taxpayers, is needed on the School Board. The public want closer scrutiny of and better guardianship over expenditures, and the taxpayers are looking for practical policies which will eliminate all wasteful expenditures. The election of a School Trustee should be one of the most serious of municipal duties, and everyone offering for the office should insure that in every respect his or her equipment for the serious duties of the Board will bear the closest investigation. Our School Boards of the future should be something more than mere expense-endorsing bodies, and we can make them so by exercising more care in choosing the personnel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letter to the editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Mind-Cure Methods

Sir.—Delusion is surely reaching its height and strength in these days. I listened the other day to a lecturer making statements which in a day when the Bible, God's holy word, was better known and more widely read, would have meant imprisonment for a charge of witchcraft, in which the name of that word as used in the Bible, would have been entirely justified. This lecturer, a man of education and some learning, closed his address with a so-called "treatise" in which he endeavored and represented that Christ was an omniscient, man is omnipotent, man is divine, man is God," and certain of his hearers assured me of their belief in him—and in the truth of his statements because he is able to cure ailments and diseases by the now well-known mental or mind-cure methods.

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Barnes caught her roughly by the arm. "Say that again," he said, "and I'll blacken your eye," and he lifted his hand as if to strike her.

Althea was rouged, and she felt conscious of the influences of her early associations surging within her. She felt degraded by passing through such scenes, for this was only a repetition of others of a similar nature. But she was not afraid. Something she knew now, and she had to tell him, and challenge him to do his worst.

"Strike me," she cried, her voice quivering. "Strike me! It's the kind of thing a creature like you would do. But remember, I'll tell my brother John, and I'll tell my father, too."

"Well, you daren't!" Her brother John Barnes laughed uneasily.

"He's afraid," Barnes laughed uneasily.

"He remembers the licking I gave him at the Cosmopolitan Hotel months ago."

"Yes, I heard about that," sneered the girl. "Why, he thrashed you within an inch of your life. Jenkins told me so himself."

"What did he do? I'll pay him off for that."

"Now then, strike me," and the

Prodigal Daughters

By JOSEPH ROCKING
(Author of "A Flame of Fire," "The Chariots of the Lord," "Dearer Than Life," etc.)

CHAPTER XXIV.

"Something will have to be done," said Jim Barnes, who had been standing for a long time, sulky and silent, looking into vacancy.

Peg did not reply.

"Have you nothing to say? Why, we're right up against it. We've got to do something. We owe three weeks rent and this pile of bills. I can see nothing for it but a moonlight filing."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Clearing out. We have no money, and you won't do anything."

"What can I do?" and the girl's tones were sulky and defiant.

"Do!" he said with an oath. "You can do a lot. But you'll do nothing. You're willing to sponge upon me for everything."

"Sponge upon you! Be careful what you say, Jim."

"Why, I'm being careful!" he asked. "Besides, it's true."

"You didn't talk like that when I left home," she protested. "You told me you were earning good money, and that just would be the joy of your life to buy things for me, and now—"

"She shrugged her shoulders.

Barnes laughed brutally. "Yes, and a nice lot of it made of myself," he said. "Instead of marrying a girl with money, as I thought, she hasn't got a sou."

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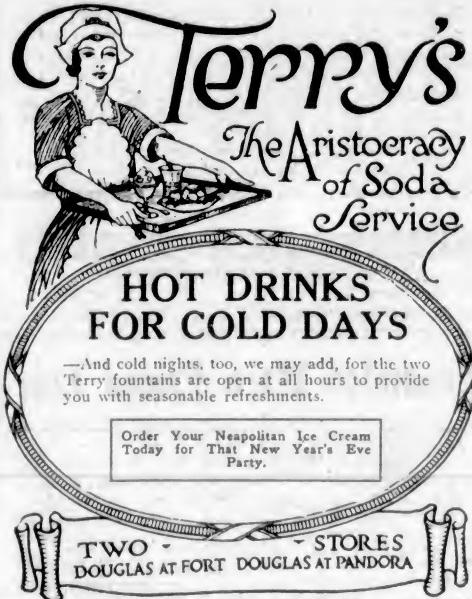
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Blazing Pole on Jordan River Line
Causes Cessation in Street Rail-
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Defective insulation resulted in one of the poles on the Jordan River power line catching alight resulting in the stoppage of the city street car system of the B.C. Electric Company last night between Esquimalt and Fort Douglas. A gang of men went out and remedied the trouble and the railway system was again in operation.

In the meantime steps were taken to start up the Brentwood emergency plant, but its services were not re-

quired as the repairs to the Jordan River line were made before the other plant was operating.

Reports in the city during the shutdown were to the effect that the Jordan River plant was on fire, but such was not the case.

Ingraham First in Trouble

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court today against Robert H. Ingraham & Brother, manufacturers of the Ingraham wall clock in this city. Liabilities were set forth as \$3,000,000, and assets, exclusive of goodwill, as \$2,000,000.

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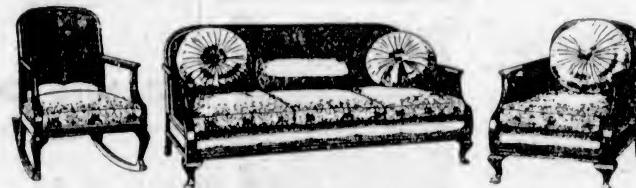
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Solid Oak Dining-Room Suite, in dull Old English finish. The design is of the Louis XVI. period. Pieces are large extension table (round), buffet and six chairs, with solid leather slip seats. One of our latest imports. Price, \$384.75

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A particularly attractive Bedroom Suite in old ivory enamel, with dainty lime decoration of light blue. Pieces are dresser, dressing table, chiffonier, bed, and chair. \$225.00

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Aldermen Reach That Conclusion During Conference on Sinking Fund Diversion—No Deficit Probable This Year

That the "victimizing" of Victoria by the Provincial Government in respect to sinking fund transactions last year was done by political enemies was the conclusion of members of the City Council, who so expressed themselves following yesterday's conference between the Mayor and aldermen and officials of the city and Mr. Robert Baird, Provincial Inspector of Municipalities.

Aldermen reached that conclusion, in spite of the assertion by Mr. Baird that his report on the city's diversion of sinking funds was made by him several months prior to its publication, and that it merely was cited as an instance of a practice by certain municipalities that should be discontinued.

Answering a question put by Ald. George Gangster, Mr. Baird stated that there was no special reason for citing the case of Victoria in the report. This city's action, however, was regarded as a good illustration of a practice becoming almost universal. The point that the Premier had made use of it in replying to communications from the City Council did not have a special significance so far as Mr. Baird was concerned.

When Ald. Eugene Woodward suggested that politics might have been behind the action of the city, Mr. Baird intimated that if the matters on which his advice had been asked had been dealt with, he might as well withdraw.

"All this talk of sinking fund diversion is the result of our asking the Government to resign," declared a prominent member of the Council during the conference.

For nearly two hours the conference struggled through a maze of technicalities, and Ald. E. B. Andros, chairman of the Finance Committee, remarked afterwards that no one seemed any the wiser as a result of it.

Small Deficit, If Any

It was not very clear, however, that the city would have to divert any sinking fund this year, as there will probably be no deficit. It has developed within the last two or three days that the city will have sufficient to meet all its obligations.

If there is an adverse margin at all it will be negligible. One hundred thousand dollars is the amount of investment bonds issued last year, but not sold on account of the unsatisfactory rate offered, were this year marketed, and this amount, augmented by liquor profits, revenue from the sale of reverted lands and other sources, is expected to meet the city's indebtedness.

Mr. Baird explained the grounds on which the city had been criticized by him for diverting its sinking funds last year. He pointed out that the action was absolutely illegal, and emphasized the importance of segregating the money collected for taxation for various specific purposes.

He said that this had been neglected last year, that should have gone to local improvement sinking fund account had been used for general purposes to meet the demands of the city bankers.

Mr. Baird was asked after the conference if the claim that the transaction was merely a bookkeeping transaction and cross-entry was correct.

"Well, it is not the sort of cross-entry that the law looks favorably upon," said Mr. Baird. "I would account about the same thing if I deposited money for myself in the bank and it was placed to my credit."

Officials Differ

Considerable difference of opinion developed between City Comptroller James L. Raynor and City Auditor J. S. Floyd regarding the meaning of

January Clearance Sale Commences This Morning

Always an event of unusual interest, our Winter clearance sale of distinctive apparel for women sets a new high standard of value-giving this year. The reason for this is because 1921 prices have been noticeably lower than for some years, and our sale reductions are the maximum it is possible to allow.

Winter Suits

Smartly tailored suits of tweed, serge and tricotone. Values formerly priced to \$59.50 are presented in two groups for January Sale.

\$27.50 and \$22.50

Beautifully embroidered suits of tricotone and velour, in the popular shades. A few with collars of French seal. Values to \$65.00. January Sale,

\$39.50

Suits of velour, tricotone and broadcloth. Notably smart designs, with trimmings of beaver, French seal, Persian lamb and beaverine. Values to \$85.00. January Sale,

\$49.50

Serge and Tricotone Dresses

Two special groups of embroidered dresses of high-grade serge and tricotone. An excellent range of smart new designs is provided. Values to \$35.00. January Sale,

\$19.75 and \$14.95

All Other Serge Dresses
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**Winter Coats**

Velour and Silverstone Coats in the season's most effective designs. High-grade silk linings. Values to \$45.00. January Sale,

\$19.75

Coats of the finest quality Bolivia Cloth or Velour. Many with collars of beaverine, opossum or French seal. Values to \$59.50. January Sale,

\$39.50

Coats of Salt's Celebrated Plush Fabric, handsome designs, and lined with high-grade linings. Values to \$49.50. January Sale,

\$29.50

Exclusive Coats in velours, super-suede and duvetin; with trimmings of beaver, beaverine, French seal or opossum. Values to \$79.50. January Sale,

\$59.50

Trimmed Hat Clearance

Our display of exclusive designs in Trimmed Millinery is now grouped at two bargain prices for immediate disposal.

Regular values to \$15.00. January Sale

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TODD.—The death occurred yesterday morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, of John Todd, husband of Mrs. Isabella Todd, of 1884 Carlin Street, aged 71 years. Born in Scotland, he had been a resident of this city for the past eleven years. He is survived by his widow, five sons, James and William Todd, of Edinburgh, Scotland; John Todd, of Portland, M. R. Todd, of 1319 Stanley Avenue, and George Todd, at home; also three daughters, Mrs. W. Logan, of London, England; Mrs. Robert Noble, of Oakmount Road, Saanich, and Mrs. W. White, of Victoria Street, City. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 o'clock from the Bandra Funeral Chapel. Rev. W. G. Wilson will officiate. Interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

MR. LEIGH.—There passed away at an early hour Sunday morning at the family residence, 1880 Oak Bay Avenue, Mrs. Eliza Leigh, aged 83 years, a resident of the city for the past 28 years. Her husband predeceased her in June, 1911. The late Mrs. Leigh leaves to mourn her loss one son, Mr. Hugh A. Leigh, of this city, and three daughters, Miss Robinson, of Seattle; Mrs. W. Lock, and Mrs. Olive Lough, of Victoria. The remains are being repatriated to the Thomson Funeral Home, 1225 Quadra Street, whence the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. G. H. Andrews will officiate. The remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

MRS. DUTOT.—The death occurred yesterday morning at the family residence, 1216 Port Street, Victoria, of Mrs. Evelyn Dutot, aged 46 years. She is survived by her husband, Charles Dutot, and a brother in Whidbey, and two brothers in Jersey. The remains are being repatriated to the B. C. Funeral Chapel, and due notice of the funeral will be given.

MISS KIRKLAND.—The remains of Charles Kirkland, 21 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stewart, of Saanich, were held to rest in the Anglican cemetery at Patricia Bay Monday afternoon. Services were conducted in the church at 2:30, at which the Rev. Mr. Storrs officiated. There was a large attendance of friends, and numerous floral offerings covered the little casket.

MR. TROWDALE.—The death occurred Sunday morning after a lingering illness at the family residence, 431 Esquimalt Road, of Thomas H. Trowdale, 72 years, a resident of the city for the past 20 years. The late Mr. Trowdale was a native of Prince Edward Island. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. G. H. Bevan Pritchard, and one son, W. H. Trowdale. The remains are being repatriated to the Thomson Funeral Home, 1225 Quadra Street, whence the funeral will take place Thursday, December 29, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

MR. PUTNAM.—There passed away yesterday at the residence, 1246 Port Street, Victoria, of Mr. and Mrs. Putnam, aged 75 years. The late Mrs. Putnam was born in Jersey, Channel Isles, and came to Canada about 19 years ago, settling

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caused on a charge of keeping liquor for sale at the Half Way House.

The learned judge said that he was obliged to draw the inference that the barroom in question was being run in the condition of the barroom, that the liquor was there for sale. This appeal would be dismissed, and the sentence of the police magistrate confirmed. Mr. E. V. Purland appeared for the prosecu-

Death of Montreal Alderman

MONTRÉAL, Dec. 27.—Alderman J. P. Fazio died at his home here yesterday following a paralytic stroke suffered a week ago.



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31-Inch English Cretonne to Sell at 59c a Yard

25 pieces of good quality English Cretonne in the newest designs and colorings; ideal for cushion covers, side drapes and loose covers. We expect a big demand for these cretonnes today. Regular 85c a yard. Special for today only. 59c

200 Yards 50-Inch Scotch Madras at \$1.39 a Yard

We have sold a lot of this better quality Madras at the regular price. This quantity will sell quickly. In exclusive designs in cream ground. Regular \$1.75 a yard. Special for today's selling, per yard. \$1.39

—3rd Floor

15 Only 9x10.6 Union Rugs to Clear at \$10.50 Each

A rug that will give excellent wear. It is reversible; closely woven in wool and fibre. This is the best rug obtainable for a room where something inexpensive is desired. The colorings are good in geometrical designs. 15 only \$10.50 to sell today at this price, each.

—3rd Floor

Men's Suits Today at \$19.85



A few Men's Suits of all-wool tweed in a fine pin check pattern; cut in a real smart style; good fitting, and a suit that will give excellent wear. Special for today, each. \$19.85

Men's Knitted Ties

A splendid assortment to choose from, in all the popular colors and patterns; made of a good quality of fibre silk. Values 75c and \$1.00. Today's special, each. 50c

Men's Caps, \$1.65

Made in a good quality of lovat, grey, green and fancy mixtures; unbreakable peaks. Today's special, \$1.65 each.

—Main Floor

Cleaning Up the Balance of Our Toy Stocks

Commencing this morning and continuing the balance of the week, everything in mechanical toys, games, autos, wheel goods, dolls, etc., have received their marching orders. Many lines cut in half; everything marked at prices for quick clearance.

—Lower Main Floor

Clearing Lines in the China Dept.

Cups and Saucers

Plain White Kermis shape Cups and Saucers, suitable for everyday use, in a fine English semi-porcelain. Extra special value for today's selling, each. 25c

Teapots

The old-fashioned Brown Betty or Rockingham Ware Teapots in five or six-cup size. Special at, each. 55c

Tumblers

Nice medium weight colonial design tumblers in clear glass; suitable for everyday use. Regular \$3.25 a dozen. Today's special, per dozen. \$2.75

—Lower Main Floor

A Clean-Up of Xmas Neckwear At Half Price

Including lace vestees with square front, round collar, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; and white broadcloth, organdie, net lace and Swiss lawn collars, in tuxedo and round shapes; also white collar and cuff sets in organdie, with hemstitched borders. All for speedy clearance today at

Half Price

—Main Floor

During the heavy rush of business previous to Xmas we find numerous lines of merchandise sold out in certain sizes. In accord with our usual custom, these are now classed as oddments, and we are now offering them at greatly reduced prices in order to clear

Georgette Crepe Blouses

Values to \$9.50 for

\$5.98



Many dainty styles to choose from; slip-over models in tie-back style; round or roll collars and fichu fronts, finished with dainty lace edging. Others with square neck and tucked vestee; long or short sleeves. Come in shades of peach, flesh, bisque, white and navy. Values to \$9.50. Special at, each. \$5.98

—2nd Floor

Plaid Blankets Clearing at Very Low Prices

Made from thick, soft, lofty yarns, in excellent color combinations.

Size 66 x 80, regular \$11.95. To clear at, per pair.....	\$8.75
Size 66 x 80, regular \$15.00. To clear at, per pair.....	\$10.50
Size 72 x 84, regular \$13.95. To clear at, per pair.....	\$9.75
Size 72 x 84, regular \$16.95. To clear at, per pair.....	\$11.95

A Clearing of Bathrobe Blankets

Only a limited number, but the choice of colorings is excellent. Complete with girdle, neck cord and frogs. Regular \$8.50, for \$6.75. Regular \$10.75, for \$8.50

—Main Floor

Boys' Bathrobes, \$4.95

A large range of patterns to choose from, in a good quality of Lawrence blanket cloth; corded belt to match. Made in a good roomy, loose-fitting style. Values to \$6.75. Today's special, each. \$4.95

—Main Floor

Two Big Clearing Lines From Our Ready-to-Wear Dept.

Mannish Tailored Coats at \$25.00

In velours and tweeds, in tailored models; loose style and belted; convertible collar; slip pockets; full and half lined. Come in shades of navy, black, brown, reindeer and tweeds. Values to \$39.50. Special clearing price, each. \$25.00



Silk and Wool Afternoon Dresses at \$23.95 Each

In good quality navy tricotine and serge; straight tailored; lined; trimmed with cire braid; also colored trimming. Some Smart Silk Dresses in Canton crepe, messaline, in all the latest styles. Odd sizes. Values to \$39.50. Special at, each. \$23.95

—2nd Floor

White Flannelette Gowns at \$1.29

Of good quality white flannelette, high neck and long sleeves; yoke in front, and trimmed with self ruffle. Special at, each. \$1.29

—2nd Floor

Children's Warm Comfy Bathrobes Special at \$2.49

Made of good quality eiderdown, in sky and pink; round collar and long sleeves, and silk cord girdle. Sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Special for today's selling, each. \$2.49

—2nd Floor

Seal of Quality Groceries

Fine Quality Pot Barley, 1/2 lbs.	25c
Hand Pickled White Beans, 4 lbs.	25c
Brown Speckled Beans, 3/4 lbs.	25c
* Choice Lima Beans, per lb.	10c
Fine Santa Clara Valley Californian Prunes—20.30 size, per lb.	40c
30.40 size, per lb.	25c
40.50 size, per lb.	20c
50.60 size; per lb.	15c
2 lbs.	35c
60.70 size, per lb.	14c
3 lbs.	40c
Hirondelle Macaroni, Spaghetti and Noodles, 16-oz. package	15c
for	25c
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Finest Pearl Tapines, 3 lbs. for.	25c

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A new type of fare box will be placed on the street cars Wednesday, December 28.

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PASSENGERS ARE REQUESTED TO PLACE THE EXACT FARE (cash or ticket), IN THE BOX PERSONALLY.

The conductor will provide any necessary change.

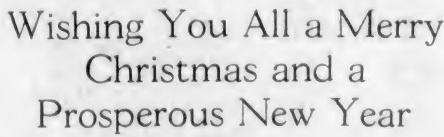
The sale of Red (6-cent) tickets will be discontinued.

Patrons are asked to make use of the green strip tickets (6 for 35 cents), and thus avoid delays occasioned by the conductor having to provide change, especially during the rush hours.

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COUNCIL OF 1921 HOLDS LAST MEETING

Members of the 1921 City Council sang their swan song last night and retired, but they will hold office until the new board is sworn in next Tuesday morning.

It was originally proposed by Mayor-elect Macleod to hold a short meeting on Monday, the day after New Year's, but, following the example of the Provincial Government, this has been abandoned, and the small outlay that would have been

required for the function will be devoted to some other purpose.

Carrying out the traditional custom followed at the last meetings of the year, every member of the Council present delivered a valedictory speech.

A plea for a greater measure of public support of the Council's work was voiced by Ald. Dinsdale.

"If the public gets behind the new Council as it got behind the Police Commission, it will get somewhere," he predicted.

The cost of wood pulp has risen more than 10 per cent in five years.

CHAPTER WILL HOLD NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Members of "J" Unit Chapter, I.O.D.E., Will Be Hostesses on Friday Evening at Alexandra House

The members of "J" Unit Chapter, I.O.D.E., are busy completing arrangements for their annual New Year's Eve Ball, which the popularity of the dance is as great this year as in previous years. The dance will take place on Friday next, so that the dancing will not have to stop at midnight. Perry's Orchestra will furnish the latest dance music, and the eating and tea will be in the hands of the Alexandra House.

On Christmas morning some of the members of the chapter visited the St. Joseph's and Jubilee Hospitals; as has been their custom since the chapter was formed, and presented each of the returned soldier patients with a gaily decorated box of fruit and cigarettes.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. H. Todd entertained in honor of her grandchildren last Saturday with a Christmas party at her home on Fairfield Road.

Mrs. James Shelia left on the Seafair boat yesterday en route to New York. She will be accompanied as far as Los Angeles by her son, Mr. Ben Brindley.

Miss Alberta Macfarlane, of Victoria, is spending the holiday season in Victoria, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hazard and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. B. MacDonald.

Lady Cameron of Vancouver, accompanied by her son, Mr. Leslie Cameron, spent Christmas in Victoria with her son-in-law and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. Horner-Dixon.

Mr. Samuel James Brown, of the Westholme Hotel staff, left on Monday to spend a week's vacation visiting friends in Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.

Hon. William Siron, Minister of Mines, who spent Christmas Day in his own riding of Nanaimo, is at present in Vancouver. He is expected back in Victoria in a day or two.

Mrs. James Shelia announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Katherine Shelia, to Mr. Leslie MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. MacKenzie, of Gladstone Avenue. The marriage will take place on Mrs. Shelia's return from Europe.

Captain and Mrs. J. C. McDougall, Irving Road, were in receipt of the news of the death of their son-in-law, Mr. R. Elliott, at Edmonton, on Saturday. Mrs. McDougall left on the outgoing boat the same afternoon and would be with her daughter in her dad's bereavement in time for the funeral.

A number of the choristers of St. John's Church visited the Aged Woman's Home, McClure Street, on Christmas Eve, and, assembling in the room, sang Christmas carols. The girls' delightfully gay voices charmed the audience.

The many friends of Miss Violet Wilson will be pleased to hear that she arrived in Victoria on Saturday and will spend a six weeks' holiday with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Beach Drive. During her absence Miss Wilson has held the position of principal woman immigration officer

on Friday was hostess at her home, Point Comfort, Mayne Island, in honor of her brother and his wife, Capt. and Mrs. Geo. Maude, who were married early in the week. The dancing room looked very pretty with its decorations and large white chrysanthemums. About fifteen couples were present from Victoria and the other islands. Dancing started at 8:30 p.m. and was continued till about 3 a.m. Mr. P. E. Lowther supplied the music.

In Glasgow, after her vacation here Mrs. Wilson intends to return to Scotland again.

Mrs. Sanderson-Mougin and Mrs. Gertrude Huntley Green will provide the programme at the Ladies' Musical Club December Musical Festival, to be held at the Government House. On this occasion the club is to be the guest of Mrs. Nichol, and as the membership has become so big and it is recognized that they are entitled to first consideration, a ruling has been made that only members will be admitted.

Mr. F. D. Little was a house guest yesterday afternoon at her home on Rockland Avenue, where she entertained with three tables of five hundred, the guests being Mrs. R. P. Butchart, Mrs. Goward, Mrs. Bowes, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Watson, Mr. Troup, Mr. Rhoden, Miss Gregorius, Mrs. Gore, Miss Mclester and Mrs. Jack Rutherford. The affair was given in honor of Mrs. Butchart and Mrs. J. W. Troup, who are leaving for the Orient on January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Doherty entertained at dinner at their home on Niagara Street, Christmas Day, covers being laid for twelve. The table was pretty with choice chrysanthemums and holly. Fine specimens of cyclamen and other blooms were effective about the apartments. Music furnished by a violinist, the entertainment with Santa Claus gaily garbed and claiming that he came direct from the North Pole, appearing later to give delight to the little tots, two of whom are a sweet pair of twins, a boy and girl of less than three years.

On Monday morning the following morning members of the Victoria Skating Club were at the rink, as well as a number of midshipmen of the flagship who had been the guests of the club since their arrival, and who have appreciated the kindness shown them by the members of the club: Mr. and Mrs. Carr, of Vancouver, the former being the amateur champion skater of British Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. George Genge, the Misses Pemberton, Miss Nash, Miss Cutler, Miss McLeod, Captain and Mrs. Dennington, Messrs. Norman East and Austin Leigh, Dunford, Major Eaton, of Work Point; Dr. Hermann Robertson and Mr. Nairn Robertson.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND

Miss G. Laing, of Victoria, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Laing, of North Salt Spring, for a week.

Miss Cartwright, of Ganges, returned home on Tuesday after visiting Victoria for Christmas, where she has been the guest of Mrs. E. Cartwright.

Mr. T. Chapman, of Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lay and family of Theis, have been spending Christmas on the Island, guests of Mrs. Price, of "Mercedes," Salt Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood and family, of Courtenay, arrived on Monday and are spending a few days with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Mowat, Beach Drive. During her absence Miss Wilson has held the position of principal woman immigration officer

on Friday was hostess at her home, Point Comfort, Mayne Island, in honor of her brother and his wife, Capt. and Mrs. Geo. Maude, who were married early in the week. The dancing room looked very pretty with its decorations and large white chrysanthemums. About fifteen couples were present from Victoria and the other islands. Dancing started at 8:30 p.m. and was continued till about 3 a.m. Mr. P. E. Lowther supplied the music.

WEDDINGS

Hamilton-Obee

A pretty wedding was solemnized Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, Quadra and Broughton Streets, by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, when Ada, known as Mrs. Wilson, became the bride of George Douglas Hamilton. The wedding was largely attended by friends of the contracting parties. The bride, who was in maidens' attire, was accompanied by her father, who looked lovely in a gown of cream silk, draped profusely with old lace, and wore a bouquet of white roses and carnations. Attending the bride were the Misses Viola and Kathleen Obee, in maidens' attire. The bride and groom were dressed in royal blue, charmingly dressed in head bands, georgically decorated with beads. Following the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the bride's home on Hill Street, where a large party of relatives and friends of the bride and groom gathered to witness the happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton left for a short honeymoon trip to the Sound cities, and on their return will make their home in this city. The bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Elliott-Byrd

Emmanuel Baptist Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday when the Rev. Stevenon, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Cook, of Chemainus, united in matrimony Jessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott and Dr. Fred Elliott, son of Miss Jessie Elliott, of 2815 Prior Street. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends of the bride and groom, and the church was decorated with masses of ivy, holly and carnations. Miss Jessie Elliott, who had formerly instructed the bride in her musical studies, played the wedding march, and during the signing of the register, Miss Jessie Elliott sang very sweetly "Promise Me." The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Walter Elliott, looked very handsome in a smart navy broadcloth suit, trimmed with moleskin, with hat and suit, and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and carnations. She was attended by Miss Maude Byrd, as bridesmaid, and Miss Jessie Elliott, as maid of honor. The bride and groom, both dressed in white, had touches of henna, and hat to match, and a bouquet of white and yellow and henna-colored chrysanthemums. Following the service a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 1180 Fort Street, and the bride and groom received the felicitations and good wishes of their numerous friends.

Hosie-Watson

Last night at 8 o'clock at Mt. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Clay officiated at the marriage between Violet, daughter of Mr. and

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KNOXVILLE CITY IS AWAY FOR PORT ALICE

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FREIGHT RATE HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN EAST

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—A general investigation in relation to the equilibration of Eastern and Western freight rates will be heard by the Railway Commission at Halifax on January 17, at St. John, N.B., on January 19, and the final argument at Ottawa on February 15.

This matter came up before the two commissions during October and November at various Western cities, the application having been made by the Attorney-General of British Columbia.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISPUTE IN COURT

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Supreme Court today denied the motion of the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society for an injunction to prohibit the trustees of the First Church of Christ (Scientist) from removing the trustees.

The court recently held that the directors had power to remove trustees. The trustees said they did not desire to hold office, but desired to lay down their trust in an orderly manner under the court's jurisdiction.

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KIWANIANS RECEIVE VISIT FROM SANTA

Club Holds Christmas Luncheon When Gift Distribution Takes Place—Gay Atmosphere at Gathering

Santa Claus visited the Kiwanis Club at noon yesterday in the Dominion Hotel, and business and professional men, wearing strange paper caps, obtained from bon-bon interiors, went up to the front one by one to receive their present at the hands of the old gentleman who, in remarks he gave with his gifts, showed a knowledge of the men who received the articles of his gift basket.

A Christmas tree tastefully decorated, stood in the corner of the dining-room, where the club members forgot their dignity and made merry like a crowd of boys. Whistles, bon-bons, nuts, etc., added a holiday atmosphere. Banter, and choruses heartily sung enlivened the meal which was served with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The attendance prize for the day was won by Kiwanian A. McHarey. Kiwanian D. Spence was chairman at the luncheon.

HOLIDAY FUNCTION ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

Boxing Day Dance Held by Community Concert Committee of Fifth Regiment Proved Great Success

The Boxing Day dance held in the new Drill Hall on Monday evening by the Community Concert Committee of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., proved in every way to be an unequalled success and was patronized by over eight hundred persons including a number of petty officers and men of the R. S. B. R. Raleigh, who greatly enjoyed themselves in the last social function they were able to attend in Victoria.

Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. and continued until 1 a.m. The Fifth Regiment Band, under the able conductorship of Bandmaster Albert Rumsey, provided a programme of dance numbers which made an irresistible appeal to the large turnout of dancers. The majority of the selections were heartily encored, and the many couples did full justice to the attractive programme rendered during the evening.

Vocal solo by Mr. William Marshall, Mr. Ernest Impett and Mr. Ober were greatly enjoyed by the large audience, which warmly applauded the various artistic efforts. A refreshment room was open from 1 o'clock, the catering arrangements being under the personal direction of Mr. Percy P. Payne. Fruit punch and lemonade were also served throughout the evening.

The function was held by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. F. A. Robertson, D.B.O., O.C. the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., and officers of the unit. A large number of those who usually patronize the regular week-end entertainments which the Community Concert Committee promotes attended the Boxing Day dance and voiced it as unanimous success.

The following members of the regiment are largely responsible for the successful nature of Monday night's function: Capt. G. G. Attkins, R.M.; Frank Hatcher, B.S.M.; Sidney E. Bowden, B.S.M.; Wm. George Bent, Anderton, Corporal A. E. Prescott, Corporal A. E. McIntyre and Bandsman Zaino.

COUNTING A YEAR OF ACTIVE INTEREST IN CIVIC AFFAIRS, the Victoria Gyro Club will have as its guests at a civic supper to be held in the Crustier Cabaret, next Tuesday evening, the members of the 1922 City Council, School Board and Police Commission. On behalf of the organization, President Harold Beckwith will set forth the club's desire to assist in civic matters and go to the aid of the civic administrators. Mayor Marchant will reply.

The supper is to commence at 6:15 and will conclude in time to allow the members of the Council to be at the City Hall by 8 o'clock for their first Council meeting of the year. A violin solo by Gyro Frank Frederickson will be given by the Gyro orchestra will be the musical items on the evening's programme.

Through its Civic Affairs Committee the Gyro Club has been taking considerable interest this year in municipal matters, and has staged two campaigns, one to get more names on the civic voters' list, and the other to get more people to vote. The votes and take an interest in civic affairs.

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WITH THE BOWLERS

At the City Bowling Alley, Penderston Building, last evening, in a close game the Elks defeated the Travellers by 4 pins.

H. Ginge bowled high score for the Elks with 184 pins. W. H. D'Arcy bowled high score for the Travellers with 194 pins.

Following are the full scores:

	Elks	Travellers	
D. R. Kennedy	144 158 131 453		
S. J. Handley	179 121 147 417		
T. Bergland	136 171 149 466		
M. Hunter	157 141 138 436		
J. Hustable	142 176 134 402		
R. Genge	146 152 134 492		
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741 803 742 2287
The next match will be played Thursday night between the Eagles and the Wilcox Hat team.

GOLF CHAMPIONS LOSE TO OLYMPIC PAIR

SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 27.—Macdonald Smith and Sam Whiting, representing the San Francisco Olympic Club, beat the team from the Jack Hetherington, the open golf champion of the United States and Great Britain, respectively, in an exhibition match at Lansdowne course yesterday. The match was thirty-six holes, and ended in victory for Smith and Whiting, one up.

PITTSBURG. Dec. 27.—The University of Toronto hockey team, holders of the Allan Cup, defeated Pittsburgh here tonight. The score was 2-1. Last night the Toronto team defeated the Pittsburgh puck chasers by a score of 7 to 2.

Veterans Strengthened
Under the new arrangement the War Veterans will trot out a nifty outfit with

Wins at Pittsburg

Amateur Teams Are Given Big Shake-Up

Managers of Four Clubs in Conference Yesterday Decide to Make Drastic Changes to Balance Teams—Fast and Interesting Battles Should Be Staged Tonight

Tonight's Games

Senators vs. G.W.V.A.

Garrison vs. Elks

Amateur hockey in Victoria will be speeded up about a hundred per cent, and competition among the various clubs will be made as keen as a razor blade by a drastic and sweeping shake-up of players decided upon at a long conference of team managers yesterday afternoon.

As announced to The Colonist after this conference last night, the four senior clubs will line up for their games at the Arena tonight, and in future games this season this way—

Senators: Straith, D. Smith, Cook, H. Smith, Dieldel, Market, Murray, Glazien.

Great War Veterans: H. Copas, Wickson, R. Copas, Dowd, Dudley, Miller, Jacklin.

Elks: H. Stewart, Burnett, George, McDonald, Temple, Hewer, Fraser.

Garrison: Englesham, Allen, Codville, Rivard, J. Stewart, Tuckwell, Matthews, Fitzsimmons.

The managers of the four teams went into conference yesterday determined to give the fans four aggregations as evenly matched as it was humanly possible to make them. On paper it looks as if they had succeeded. Tonight's games under the new line-up should demonstrate this success. The managers have been working on which switch had been concentrated in the beginning of this season in one place, the camp of those perpetual champions, the Senators. This was all right for the Senators, but it was not good for amateur hockey. Competition has been seriously dulled by this concentration of talent because the other teams could not compete with the managers. With the team which the managers had been concentrating in one place, they started the season the Senators could hardly help staking on to victory again with ease, just as they have done time and again before. It was too much of a good thing from the fans' point of view.

One wanted to spoil the Senators' chances. That was the idea of the manager of the game today. Manager Alex Straith, vice president of the Senators, perceiving the situation and desiring, above all, to promote the good of hockey as a whole, came out flat-footed for a shakeup and offered to release some of his players to the other less fortunate teams. At yesterday's conference Alex and the other managers agreed to form four teams which would make competition as scorching as a midsummer day in the equator.

The Elks also needed strength and they have got it in the form of Burnett, the defence pivot of the Senators' machine, and Fraser, of the Garrison. Just how the Elks will arrange things now they have Burnett with them will be decided during the day. The players will be given a new line-up since the new line-up was released last night like the proverbial rule from the blue. It is possible that Eric George will be moved up into the goal-getting department, but this remains to be seen. Anyway, with Burnett and Fraser, the Elks, who have been having a rather hard time of it, will have a new chance for the championship.

The Elks lose Jimmy Stewart, though. He goes to buck up the Garrison's attack. Stewart is about all the Garrison needs to put it on an equal footing with anything that comes along. It is likely, therefore, that the Garrison's line-up will be altered less than any other.

It will be noticed from these line-ups that several players who formerly adorned the amateur league are missing. Several of the boys have left town and the new arrangement was arrived at accordingly.

First Trial Tonight

Tonight the new teams will go under fire for the first time. It will be interesting to see how they work on their new harness. As far as one can judge on paper the games should go with a whirlwind rush until anything that has been seen in amateur hockey this year. Every team will have to fight, and fight hard, for an advantage. And, besides the sweeping changes brought about by the managers, conference yesterday has brought in the teams which haven't been on top. The lads who have been battling against heavy odds see a big chance now for grabbing the season's honors. Any team now may come out on top. For this reason the boys who have been fighting gamely with losing teams will find themselves in the fray tonight crammed full of enthusiasm.

It means a lot to the players, but it means even more to the fans. From now on, unless the dopes are a mill off the track, hockey followers will be treated to two red hot amateur matches every week. As a result of the good sportsmanship of Alex Straith and the other managers, amateur hockey will be revitalized tonight. The managers saw the need for courageous action and they took it. There was no quibbling. Something drastic was needed and something mighty drastic was done.

GIVENCHY COMING TO YARROWS FOR REPAIR

The Canadian Government patrol steamer Givency is expected here tomorrow or day thereafter from Vancouver to be repaired and overhauled by Yarrow's, Ltd.

The vessel was wrecked early in September at Haven Cove, near Bella Bella, and was later raised and brought to Vancouver. Following the survey of the vessel tenders were invited, the bids being placed in the hands of the government last month. It was made public known that the Yarrow's was the low tender, and that the ship would come to Esquimalt for repair, but no official word was forthcoming for some time. The local yard has now been informed, however, that they are to do the work, and the vessel will arrive this week.

The iron of the ship is believed to have suffered the greatest damage through her submersion. The engine-room will need considerable attention, as will the woodwork and the furnishings. The figure is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

PLACING ORDERS FOR CHINESE RIVER BOATS

VANCOUVER. Dec. 27.—Orders for the construction of a fleet of boats to ply on the Yangtze-kiang River will be probably placed on this coast shortly. P. H. Van Meier, of Shanghai, arrived here yesterday on the Empress of Russia with a commission to negotiate for the construction of a fleet of 150-foot flat-bottomed paddle steamers, similar in type to those which play on the Yangtze River. Steamers already doing business on the Yangtze-kiang, said Mr. Van Meier, are unsatisfactory in winter traffic, which must encounter low waters and rapids and other difficulties in navigation.

Canadian charity has saved the natives of Labrador from death by famine this winter.

MISS WELLBURN WINS THE CHRISTMAS SWIM

Brother Tom, Who Was Last Year's Winner, Made Fast Time, But Could Not Beat the Handicap

As a result of Monday morning's 50 yards handicap swimming race staged by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club at their headquarters at the Gorge, the Christmas swim championship remains in the Wellburn family. Tom Wellburn, who won the sprint last year, was third. He had to give a heavy handicap to the other competitors this time, and, although he made the fastest time over the course, he was unable to overcome the start, and his sister, Gracie Wellburn, won the race, with Peter Jackson second. There were other starters, namely, W. Burrows, W. Stanton, Mrs. Mennell and F. E. Durd.

The thermometer registered 41 degrees Fahrenheit when the race started, and the water was just one degree colder than the air.

There was a big crowd of spectators to see the event, and the arrangements for the race were all that could be desired. Medals were presented to the first three, and Miss Gracie Wellburn also received the Harbord Challenge Cup, the prize presentation being made by Capt. Harbord.

COMMERCIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ORGANIZED

Officers Elected and Preliminary Arrangements Made for Opening of League—Great Enthusiasm Shown

Victoria is to have a Commercial Hockey League.

At a meeting held last evening at the Toggery Shop, Douglas Street, the Victoria Commercial Hockey Association was organized, officers elected and preliminary arrangements were made for the opening of the league.

Great enthusiasm was shown at the meeting, and the race was all that could be desired. Medals were presented to the first three, and Miss Gracie Wellburn also received the Harbord Challenge Cup, the prize presentation being made by Capt. Harbord.

The following officers were elected: President, A. H. Cox (Weiler Bros.); secretary, William McAllister (Colonial); and executive committee, F. LeRoy, president and secretary.

Committee Appointed

A committee was appointed to interview Lester W. Patrick, manager of the Victoria Amateur Hockey Association immediately and try to come to some arrangement for the rental of the rink. It was pointed out that at the present time only late hours were available. The committee will report back to a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening next.

An application to enter the league are to be in the hands of Secretary Allister before the meeting next week.

It is requested that all teams who are making an application to enter should have a representative present at the next meeting. Applications must be accompanied by the registration fee of \$2.50, list of prospective players and club colors. All clubs entering must have players outlined. Clubs are to finance themselves.

The question of allowing players of the Senior League to play in the Commercial League was discussed, but nothing definite was decided upon.

The constitution of the Victoria Senior Amateur Hockey Association was adopted.

Those who attended last evening's meeting were—Victoria Newspapers: W. H. McAllister, Norman Grieves, Eggleston; F. LeRoy, H. Hanbury, G. Henkle; Gyro: Alex Straith; Weiler Bros.; A. H. Cox; Civil Service: A. L. Pouliet; and D.C. Leather, R. Paxton.

Mr. Percy Watson, president of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association, acted as chairman of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held Tues-

day night next at the Toggery Shop, Douglas Street, at 8 o'clock.

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Vancouver	6				

B.C. University Beats
Stanford in Rugby

UNIVERSITY FIFTEEN WINS FROM STANFORD

Huge Crowd Sees Canadian
Students' Rugby Team De-
feat Visitors From California
by Eight to Nil

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—The University of British Columbia Rugby team scored a decisive victory over the Stanford fifteen yesterday afternoon at Brockton Point, winning by eight points to nil. There was a crowd of some 5,000 to see the game, and the two students were given a great reception. The "Varsity" by their rivals of the Canadian side, college yell and college colors being very much in evidence, while after the match the winners were carried shoulder high to the dressing room and a snake dance and parades of wildly excited students followed.

It was a hard-fought game, though and hard fought, but better work on the forward line and better kicking by the backs was what brought victory to the home side. The B.C. men also appeared to be in rather better condition than the visitors. The encouragement given by the large crowd of relatives in the stands and on the sidelines may also have had something to do with the superiority shown by the locals.

The Stanford men were unable to cross the Vancouver line once. Penwill and Gross scored the tries for the B.C. men, and Val Gwyther converted the first.

MILLIONAIRES SCORE THEIR SECOND WIN

Defeat Aristocrats by Odd Goal
in Monday's League Game
—"Freddie" Scores Twice
for Victoria

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Vancouver climbed back into the chase after the elusive gonfalon in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association yesterday afternoon when they defeated Victoria 3 goals to 2, in the first afternoon pick battle ever staged here.

In defeating the Aristocrats, erstwhile leaders, the champions crawled from behind, scoring all three goals after the Capitals had got off to a good lead. The Millionaires took back in the first change and walked off with the game in the second session with two counters, while the visitors were held scoreless for the two remaining periods.

It was the finest display of the season on local ice. Both teams, at full strength, played to a finish, the game starting with the record crowd with their dash and brilliancy, the smart combination rushes, accurate shooting and dazzling stick-handling. With the exception of a few minutes in the second period, the pace was torrid. There was more combination served up in five minutes of the last session than in any previous game.

Fed up on good old Christmas tur-

SPORTING NEWS

WEILERS WIN THEIR GAME WITH GARRISON

Retail Clerks Are Victorious
Over Spencer's in Other
Wednesday League Match
—Rest Beat Native Sons

The two Wednesday league soccer games played on Monday resulted in favor of Weilers and the Retail Clerks, the former defeating the Garrison by two to nothing, and the latter getting the better of Spencers by four to nothing. The league leaders, although given a good hard game by the Garrison, were never really threatened, and not long after notched the winning goal of a wild-swinging contest which was a good one, though the play was a lot of hard chipping, solo dashes bordering on the sensational, and which reminded the old-timers of the performance of Tommy Phillips, Frank Patrick and Si Griffis when these veterans were the class of hockeymen.

Champions Had Edge

The team went scoreless in the last period. The champions had the edge on the run of play, but Victoria came dangerously close to tying the game in half a dozen times. Victoria had the best chance to win by playing four men on the defense, and individual rushes had little effect on the Vancouver inner defense.

It was the seventh match in ten to be decided by a one-goal margin. Vancouver still reposes in the cellar, but only a couple of points behind Victoria. Spencers is heading the pack. In the race for individual honors in scoring, Frank Frederickson increased his lead. He picked off four nice goals. Skinner, Mackay and Harris scored for Vancouver.

The Line-Up

Vancouver Position Victoria Lehman Goal ... Fowler Cook Defense ... W. Loughlin Duncan Defense ... C. Loughlin Adams Forward ... Johnson Skinner Forward ... Oatman Hines Forward ... Dunderdale Mackay Forward ... Frederickson Tobin Forward ... Reserve Meeking Parkes Reserve ... Halderman Goals—First period: 1, Victoria, Frederickson, 35 seconds; 3, Victoria, Frederickson from Dunderdale, 10:27; 3, Vancouver, Skinner, 3:46. Second period: 4, Vancouver, Harris, from Dunderdale, 4:45; 5, Vancouver, Mackay, from Adams, 7:46. Third period: No score.

Substitutions—First period: Vancouver, Parkes for Harris; Tobin for Skinner. Second period: Vancouver, Skinner for Tobin; Harris for Parkes; Tobin for Halderman; for Oatman. Mackay for Dunderdale. Third period: Vancouver, Parkes for Mackay.

Penalties—First period, none. Second period: Vancouver, Skinner 3 minutes; penalty shot awarded Victoria. Third period: None.

Death of Bishop Grace

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Thomas Grace, for more than 25 years bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, died here today after an illness of several months. He was 81 years of age.

Spain's failure to recognize the Sultan made all the trouble in Morocco, declares a French officer.

RAVAGES OF COMMON COLDS ARE APPALLING

Is Most Prevalent of All Diseases and Causes More Death, Suffering and Decreased Efficiency Than All Wars and Epidemics.

COLDS ARE CURABLE AND PREVENTABLE

Instead of Being Treated as Trivial Affections, Colds Must Be Recognized as a Serious Menace to Health.

The common cold is the most prevalent of all present-day diseases, and although vital statistics do not record the sum total of its ravages, leading authorities now make that the common everyday "cold" is responsible for more death, suffering, inconvenience, loss from work, and decreased efficiency than all wars and other epidemics.

The word "cold" means an acute infection of the lining membranes of the nose, throat, tonsils and larger bronchial tubes. The "cold" may be even more extensive and amount to a severe attack of the entire body. All of the breathing organs, excepting the smaller portions of the lungs, may become involved, and, as a matter of fact, the disease may, and often does, spread to these, thus producing pneumonia.

Vital statistics show that pneumonia kills more people than any other disease.



Weilers and Clerks Win Wednesday Soccer

Wolverhampton 2, Nottingham F. & C. Third Division—Northern Section

Acoording Stanley 3, Ashton 0, Barrow 2, Stockport 1.

Chesterfield 4, Grimsby Town 1.

Derby Town 2, Stockport 0.

Lincoln City 3, Durham C. 0.

Rochdale 2, Crewe 0.

Stokebridge Celtic 2, Nelson 0.

Transmere 1, Hartlepool U. 2.

Walsall 2, Wrexham 2.

Third Division—Southern Section

Aberdeen 2, Bradford 0.

Brighton & H. 2, Bristol R. 1.

Luton Town 2, Swindon 1.

Newport C. 1, Millwall 2.

Nottingham 3, Gillingham 1.

Watford 2, Charlton A. 0.

Wigan 4, Southend U. 0.

Reading 2, Walford 1.

Southampton 1, Queens Park R. 1.

Town 2, Merthyr Town 2.

Northern Union Rugby

Barrow 10, Featherstone 2.

Battley 17, Leigh 0.

Broughton 6, Oldham 8.

Halifax 2, Huddersfield 11.

Leeds 2, Farnworth 2.

St. Helens 5, Wigan 8.

Wakefield Trinity 7, Dewsbury 3.

Widnes 8, Warrington 6.

Rugby Union

Cardiff 6, London Welsh 6.

Northampton 10, Old Edwardian 6.

Bath 2, Gloucester 13.

Bristol 11, Pontypridd 3.

Leicester 22, Barnstaple 10.

Neath 23, Swansea 10.

Newport 26, Ebbw Vale 1.

Percy Park 3, Royal High School 2.

Cheltenham 6, Mountain Ash 15.

Manchester 13, Headingley 8.

Devonport Services 3, Plymouth Al. 7.

Northern Union Rugby

Broughton 17, Hull 6.

Dewsbury 5, Battley 21.

Huddersfield 6, Halifax 11.

Hull Kingston 12, St. Helens Rec. 8.

Hunslet 1, Salford 5.

Leeds 13, Warrington 5.

Wakefield 12, York 3.

Widnes 8, Australians 6.

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Marine Medals Being Dis-
tributed—Memorial Plaques
and Scroll for Next-of-Kin

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them to receive the medals, will receive
the medals to the officer from whom
they received the ribbons, namely, the
Agent of Marine and Fisheries De-
partments, Office of Examiner of
Masters and Mates, or direct to the
Marine and Fisheries Department at
Ottawa, Ontario.

The British War Medals and Mer-
chantile Marine Medals earned by de-
ceased officers, men and women of
the mercantile marine are also ready
for distribution. Legatees or next-of-
kin should apply for the necessary
information to the Agent of the
Marine and Fisheries Department at
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CUSTOMS INSPECTOR DENIES SEATTLE STORY

J. H. Miller Says Report of
British Tars Being Employed
in Submarine Chasers Is
Imagination

Recent report from Seattle, stating
that the Canadian Customs Depart-
ment is planning to send some
power boats into service, manned by
British tars and gunners who had
operated on submarine chasers in the
North Sea during the war, in order
to put an end to the liquor piracy
between Vancouver and Seattle, is
false. On the contrary, he said, the
Customs Inspector of customs and
excise, who is in charge of the
Customs and Excise Department in
this city, has no knowledge of any
such plan.

The report, which first appeared
in Seattle papers, stated that Mr.
Miller and other officers had been
there investigating several varieties of
fast boats which the Canadian Gov-
ernment intended to purchase for the
purpose of running down the
pirates.

The master of fast power boats was looked into, and
some types of power boats examined.
"Most of the boats which are now
operating in Puget Sound are fast deep-
water boats with a speed of about
sixteen knots, and the only boats
which are to be used down the coast
are submarine chasers during the war,"

says Mr. Miller. "But there is little
intention, as far as I know, of putting
a fleet of them into commission, man-
ned by British tars."

The boats used by the whisky run-
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What's at the Playhouses?**FINE ACTING OF SHAKESPEARE ROLE**

Mr. John Kellard Seen in Splendid Interpretation of "Hamlet" at Pantages Theatre Last Night

Where are the Shakespeare Jovens of Victoria? Where are the students of literature? The audience at Pantages Theatre last evening could be counted in something less than three figures when Mr. John Kellard's company played in the immortal Shakespearean drama, "Hamlet," a

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTSThe Stage
Royal—"Babes in the Wood".
Pantages—Shakespearian Plays.The Screen
Capitol—"Beside the Bonny Brier Bush."
Variety—"The Girl From God's Country".

Dominion—"The Call of the North".

Columbia—"Gipsy Blood."

performance fine enough had it amounted to nothing but Mr. Kellard's own reading of the role of "The Mad Prince of Denmark," to justify a full house. It is much to be lamented that the schools and student bodies of the city have not been more encouraged by their heads to support such plays, whose appearances are growing all too unfamiliar.

Mr. Kellard is a representative and a very worthy one—of the diminishing school of Shakespearean actors, and he has inherited by association and thorough familiarity the fine acting and fines speaking which belong to it. "Hamlet" still remains one of the much-debated characters of "The Bard of Avon," but whether Shakespeare intended the Prince to be represented as mad or sane is not the question, but the discussion. Mr. Kellard's interpretation seems to find its way to the waverings between the two, the madness probably more feigned than real, in order to sustain an otherwise too gentle spirit to the fulfillment of resolve. The analysis of the character at Mr. Kellard's hands is subtle, being a progressive development than a very simple analysis of temper which swings between rage and despair and despair and resolve. There are moods of rage and anger alternating with moods of irresolution, one of the finest of these interlacing being shown in the sad scene between Ophelia following the famous soliloquy, "To be or not to be." Here are two things, one for the benefit of the listening Polonius behind the arras, the other in his manner to the unconscious Ophelia. He is too reasonable in his manner to be mad, too obscure in his philosophy to be sane.

The big dramatic episodes of the play were well seen by the Queen's chamberlain, when Hamlet unloads his mother with her disloyalty to the memory of his father, the late king. "Look here upon this picture—and on this," he spoke with tremendous force of conception. His action of this whole scene was superb, and the scene between the queen, he had quite good support. The Ophelia of Miss Fredda Brindley was very young, very innocent, and full of pretty ways which made her madness all the more heartrending. Scene V. of Act IV. is made supremely moving by Miss Brindley's fine acting.

The play will be seen again during Mr. Kellard's stay, and no student should miss the opportunity of hearing a reading which is distinguished by the marks of the best traditions of the best school of fine Shakespearean acting.

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DOMINION Clever interpretation of THEATRE: the role of Ned Trent, a fearless trader of the great Far North, beautiful natural settings in regions where the snow never melts, a story filled with color, suspense, and action, are marked features of the first feature-length picture introducing Jack Holt as a star, which was shown at the Dominion Theatre with considerable success yesterday. Many will recall the book, "Conjuror's House," by Sir Edward White, or the play, "The Call of the North," by George Bradburne. In this picture the novel and play none of the thrill and suspense of the absorbing story has been lost. Directed by Joseph Henabery, such players as Madge Bellamy, leading woman; Noah Beery, Francis McDonald, and others, portray the stars of the story in the picture, with excellent result. The picture is well worth seeing.

COLUMBIA Pola Negri, the great THEATRE Polish actress, who will be seen on the screen again in her latest Associated First National vehicle, "Gipsy Blood," at the Columbia Theatre, will be seen as "the picture-going public" in America is concerned, according to every indication. Not only has she been warmly acclaimed by the public, but players of the American stage and screen have had loud in their praise of her. Frank Woods, manager of the Auditorium Theatre, Sioux City, Iowa, received the following solicited note from Otto Skinner commenting on Pola Negri's first vehicle to reach the American screen: "I am impelled to tell you how vitalized the phonograph 'Passion' has registered upon me."

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BOARD HOLDS BACK TOTAL OF PURCHASES

Refuses to State Aggregate of Local Liquor Sales on Saturday, But Admits It Was Quite Satisfactory

While there was nothing forthcoming from the Liquor Board yesterday to indicate the amount taken in at the Government Liquor Store on Saturday, when the largest business by far in the history of the local store was transacted—and officials at the time refused to give any statement as they are under strict orders to divulge no information concerning their business—it was estimated that at least from \$25,000 to \$30,000 was spent by patrons for liquor of every conceivable brand, and the total business probably ran in excess of those figures.

Reports from Vancouver would indicate that there was considerable demand there at the various liquor stores for the Christmas cheer which purchasers laid in to tide them over the two days during which the Government stores were closed.

At the local store the officials, who worked during the day as they never worked before, were on hand until late in the evening, getting things straightened out after the close. The stocks of liquor in the Wharf Street warehouse melted away during the day and a large hole in reserve supplies will have to be filled with shipments which are now en route from the Old Country.

About twelve hundred fifty-cent permits were issued during the day, to say nothing of those possessors of the higher-priced permits who did not have to stand in line for the authority to buy, but could go straight to the counter and get what they wanted. Many purchasers took a case each, and the great bulk purchased more than one bottle of hard stuff, while beer was also in demand, though the recent rule restricting daily purchases of malt liquor to not more than two dozen pints undoubtedly curtailed the sale of that variety of cheer.

GAME BOARD INQUIRY HOLDS SESSION TODAY

Royal Commission Into the Charges Against Dr. Baker Will Hear Evidence of Mr. Pooley This Morning

A further session of the inquiry by Royal Commission into the charges made on the conduct of the Game Conservation Board by Mr. R. H. Pooley, M.P.P., for Esquimalt, on the floor of the Provincial House last session, will be held in the Court House this morning at ten o'clock, under the chairmanship of Magistrate M. C. Shaw, of Vancouver, the commissioner appointed by the Government.

The opening session of the inquiry was held here on November 25 last, and subsequent sessions, at which much evidence has been taken, have all been held in Vancouver. At the first session here it was arranged that all the members of the Game Conservation Board, including Mr. M. B. Jackson, K.C., M.P.P., and Superintendent William G. McMyne, who have their homes in this city, should be subpoenaed to attend the inquiry. It was further declared by Mr. Donald Donaghy, counsel for Dr. Baker, that he would demand the attendance of Mr. Pooley as soon as the Legislature had adjourned.

Mr. Pooley informed The Colonist yesterday that he had been duly summoned to appear before the commission and that he would be here this morning. Messrs. Jackson and McMyne, however, said that they had received no subpoena, and were in consequence unable to say whether they would be required to give evidence at the adjourned inquiry.

Mr. J. N. K. C. Moore, representing the Provincial Government at the inquiry. Mr. W. C. Moresey appeared at the opening session here on behalf of Mr. J. A. Hird, chief game warden, who was suspended from office at the same time as Dr. Baker. Mr. Moresey was here yesterday afternoon, catching brief for his client, whom Commissioner Shaw said at the opening of the inquiry that he was not specifically implicated in the charges against his chief.

A HAPPY GATHERING

Thirty-Six Residents Enjoy Christmas Dinner at Aged Ladies' Home—Thank Committee

Christmas Day, Sunday, was fittingly observed at the Aged Women's Home. Thirty-six of the lady inmates were well enough to be at table in the large dining hall at midday dinner, where they partook of every procurable dainty from oyster soup to the choicest candies and sweets. The decoration throughout was charming, with garlands of bright colorings and Christmas bells, berried holly, and even the traditional mistletoe being in evidence.

At the conclusion of the dinner Mrs. Sutherland, a paying guest in the home, on behalf of herself and others, thanked the members of the committee that were present in a few well-chosen words for the many comforts they received now, while so many were needy, and finished by quoting the couplet:

"Some has meat and canna eat, and some there be who wan't; but we have meat, and we can eat, so let the Lord be thanked."

The only regrets on Sunday, when all seemed so happy, were that so many were compelled to dine in their own rooms, and several even in their beds.

The ladies of the committee present were: Madames Clay, Gould, Vincent, Wm. Grant, Whittier, Kinny and IL Grant.

New term at Spratt-Shaw School January 1. Day and evening classes. See classified advt. "Educational" for courses, and send for syllabus. New Well Building.

Separate Skirts Lowly Priced

Every woman in need of a separate skirt will certainly be interested in these two lots of extremely good looking skirts. At the reductions they quote they are wonderful bargains:

Beautiful Separate Skirts, in pleated and gored styles, fashionable stripes and plaids; also a number of plain colors. Regular Values \$10.75 to \$15.00. Reduced to.....	\$7.50
11 Only High-Grade Baronette Satin Skirts, in black, navy and colors. Regular \$13.95 and \$17.50. Reduced to.....	\$9.50

Drastic Price Reductions on Women's and Children's Apparel Starting Today

Unequalled Values in Women's Winter Suits

To effect a clearance of our stock of Winter Suits we are offering them at remarkably low prices. You know the character of the suits we have been selling this season; you know that the newest styles are here. Hence all that is necessary is to point out the price reductions that have been made for the purpose of clearance.

Beautiful and Exclusive Suits, of high-grade velour and tricotine, in navy, brown, reindeer, Harding blue and black. Sizes 16 to 24. Regular \$37.50 to \$65.00, and one each at \$69.50 and \$75.00. Reduced to.....	\$39.50
A Few Tweed and Serge Suits in semi-tailored and novelty effects. Sizes 16 to 40. Regular \$35.00 to \$39.50. Reduced to.....	\$23.50

A Decisive Mark Down in Fashionable Dresses

Come down to see these Dresses today. Even if it means a special trip it will be worth white, for it isn't every day that so moderate an expenditure will buy such a smart frock.

10 Only Beautiful Dresses of tricotine, serge, Canton crepe and messaline, navy only. Sizes 16 to 36. Regular \$19.75. Reduced to.....	\$23.50
10 Only Smart Dresses, four or five black wool serge, sizes 42 and 44; five only in one de Chine, in shell pink and white, size 16; and one only in navy satin, size 36. Regular \$25.00. Reduced to.....	\$13.50

Girls' Dresses, Kilts and Middies Reduced

Girls' School Dresses, made from fine all-wool navy serge, in smart sailor style, braid trimmed on collar and cuffs, emblem on sleeves. Sizes 8 to 16 years.

Regular \$15.00. Reduced to \$11.98.	
Regular \$10.95. Reduced to \$9.98.	
Regular \$10.00. Reduced to \$7.98.	
Regular \$9.50. Reduced to \$7.49.	
Regular \$7.75. Reduced to \$5.98.	

Handsome Waists, Regular to \$10.00, to Clear at \$4.95

This affords you an opportunity to purchase a dainty Waist at an extremely low price. The lot comprises georgette, tricotine, taffeta, crepe de Chine and wash satins, in tailored, novelty and jumper styles. A good range of desirable shades to select from. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular to \$10.00. Reduced to.....

\$4.95

Today's Specials

Bargains in Trefousse Fine Gloves, \$1.98 Pair

An exceptional offering of Trefousse Shelburne and Patricia and Perrin's Joliville and Belfort Plique Sews. Fine French Kid Gloves, in self, white, or white with black points; some have pearl domes. Today's value \$4.80. Today, pair.....

\$1.98

Bargains in Underwear

Turnbull's and Watson's Wool Combinations, with V or low neck; long, elbow or no sleeves; ankle or knee length. Sizes 4 to 14 years. Regular \$5.00 to \$6.50. Today, suit.....

\$3.98

Four Big Specials in House Furnishings

300 Yards of Bordered Curtain Scrims, with fine striped borders in white and cream colored scrims, also dainty all-over patterns, on white and cream grounds; 36 inches wide. Special, today, 5 yards.....	95c
Strong Brass Extension Rods, with curved ends, complete with brackets. Special today, per yard.....	25c

50 Pairs of Voile and Scrim Curtains, suitable for bedroom windows; 2½ yards long; plain, or with set-in motifs in the corners. Special to day, pair.....

\$1.35

500 Yards of Good Quality Cretonne, in a fine assortment of designs; 30 and 36 inches wide. Special, today, per yard.....

50c

Gordons Limited
239 Yates Street Phone 5546

Clean-Up Prices on Kimonos

Women's Warm Eiderdown and Velvet Corduroy Kimonos are now offered at exceptionally low prices, which mean big savings to you.

Warm Eiderdown Kimonos in many pretty shades and designs, neat style and generous sizes. Our entire stock. Regular \$7.95 and \$8.95. Reduced to.....	\$6.98
Attractive Velvet Corduroy Kimonos and Breakfast Coats, in several pretty self shades. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular \$7.95 to \$11.50. Reduced to.....	\$6.98

Today—Open Until 6 P.M.



Prices Deeply Cut on All Winter Millinery

A timely price-cutting on smart Winter Hats that enables you to buy a new hat at a large and genuine saving. You cannot afford to miss this sale.

50 Smart Ready-to-Wear Children's Black Felt and Felt Hats, in French felt, velvet and hatter's plush; also rain hats. Regular values to \$7.50. Reduced to.....	\$1.95
300 Winter Hats of fine felt and duxy, in a good range of shades. Regular values to \$5.00. Reduced to.....	98c

Splendid Savings on Corsets and Brassieres

In order to bring our stock of Corsets to a low level we have greatly reduced prices, and offer the following tempting bargains:

La Diva Corsets, a high-grade, double bust, stout figures; low and medium bust, heavily boned; made of strong white cotton, embroidery trimmed. Sizes 25 to 36. Regular \$7.50. Reduced to.....	\$4.98
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A High-Grade Corset for the slender figure, made of fine taffeta with elastic at waist; low bust and deep hip. Sizes 22 to 26. A bargain. Regular \$7.50. Reduced to.....	\$3.98
A Selection of D & A Corsets, in medium bust styles, suitable for the average figure. Sizes 20 to 26. A snap. Regular \$7.50. Reduced to.....	\$1.50

Goddess Front-Laced Corsets, models for the average figure. Sizes 20 to 27. Made of white cotton, medium bust with long hips. Exceptional value. Regular \$7.50. Reduced to.....	\$2.98
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Extremely Low Prices on All Wool Sweaters

A clear-up of all imported English Pure Wool Sweaters and Golf Coats in cashmere, knit, fancy knit and brushed wool, all popular colors. Sizes for small, medium and large figures.

Regular \$14.50. Reduced to.....	\$14.95
Regular \$18.50. Reduced to.....	\$13.95
Regular \$16.50. Reduced to.....	\$11.95
Regular \$13.00. Reduced to.....	\$10.95

Women's Wool Sweaters and Jersey Cloth Coats offered at an extremely low price, a big selection of styles and colors in medium and large sizes. Values to \$12.50. To clear at.....

\$5.98

Today's Specials

Snaps in Silk Women's Wool Scarves

Silk Scarves, tubular style, in all wanted colors, with contrasting stripe ends. Regular \$2.98. Special to day, each.....	\$1.98
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Another Range of Silk Plain Scarves, tubular style, in all popular colors. Regular \$2.50. Special, today, 98c	98c
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Remarkable Offering of Tweeds and Coatings

Cheviot and Tweed Suitings, all excellent qualities, in good colors. 34 to 40 inches wide; for suits, skirts and boys' suits; also elastic shades and check effects. Reduced from \$4.95 to \$7.50. Special, yard.....	\$1.98
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56-Inch All-Wool Blanket Coatings, in a beautiful soft warm quality; good serviceable shades and check effects. Reduced from \$4.95 to \$7.50. Special, yard.....	\$1.98
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Warm Winter Bedding at Special Prices

Grey Wool Blankets, in an extra well woven quality, very durable wear; size 64 x 82. Reduced from \$15.75. Special, today, \$7.59	\$11.95
All-Wool White Blankets, made from long staple wool yarn, with a soft fleecy finish. Size 64 x 82. Reduced from \$22.75. Special, today, \$7.59	\$11.95

English Down Comforters

Downproof Art Satin Coverings, with panel effects; serviceable colorings; filled with the best quality of purified down; thoroughly ventilated.

DOUBLE BED SIZES	
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Reduced from \$42.00 to \$27.50, each.....	\$16.95
Reduced from \$42.50, each.....	\$22.95

A Leader in Coats at \$12.75

Values \$25.00 and Up

No Phone or C. O. D. Orders Accepted

The Coats featured are extraordinary values, and are in the season's best styles. They are well tailored, perfect fitting and lined to waist. Good shades of brown, taupe and dark green; sizes 16 to 40.

Children's Coats Half Price

They are made from fine Velour and Wool Coatings, in good shades, smart and practical styles; many are exclusive samples and are fur trimmed; well lined; ages 2 to 15 years.

Regular \$3.95, for.....	\$1.98
Regular \$5.00, for.....	\$2.50
Regular \$5.95, for.....	\$2.98
Regular \$6.50, for.....	\$3.25
Regular \$7.50, for.....	\$3.75
Regular \$7.75, for.....	\$3.88
Regular \$8.50, for.....	\$4.25
Regular \$8.75, for.....	\$4.38
Regular \$9.50, for.....	\$4.75
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DO YOU WANT A JOB?

MANY men lose opportunities for employ-

ment, more because they cannot drive a car

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Men who have time to work evenings

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mpanies for night watchmen.

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A Mart for Busy Readers—House and Business Property for Sale and Exchange

CYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES 29
UNIVERSAL for Peugeot bicycle, \$14.50; one 16-in. fully geardriven Victoria Cycle Works, \$21 Johnson Street, four doors below Government Street. Phone 748.

TREAT THAT BOY OR GIRL OF YOURS TO A NEW CYCLE THIS CHRISTMAS

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FOUND—Sunday morning, about 11 o'clock, on Hillside Street car, on ramparts. Apply 3226 Graham St.

FOUND—An old gold rim, specimen in box. Owner unknown. Please apply at this office and pay for advertising.

LOST—A child's grey purse, containing \$3. Found—A small, either the Burbside car or at the corner of Pandora and Douglas St. Apply House 1478, Colonial.

LOST—A pair of glasses, in Post Office. Finder please return to Celia, optician, Douglas Street.

LOST—Box of keys, marked J. W. T., J. W. Wanigan, Reward. Y.M.C.A. Office.

LOST—A black rocker spaniel dog. Nine months old. Finder please phone 8178.

LOST—Gentleman's solitaire diamond ring. Liberal reward. Don McKay, C/o Thos. Plimley, Vicieira, B.C.

LOST—Studie, black cushion off motor-cycle. Phone 8860-L.

LOST—Dust bin, blue woolen coat, Fort St., corner of Elford. Box 1144, Colonial.

LOST—Cocker spaniel, white and brown, belonging to name at "Whate". Phone 1375.

LOST—A girl's give-away in Spence's Avenue. Friday night. Finder phone 8185.

LOST—From Glastonbury Avenue, female wire-haired terrier. Reward. Phone 8101.

LOST—English setter dog. Reward to finder. Phone 6741R.

LOST—On Thursday evening, green rug from car. Phone 8101. Reward.

LOST, in central part of city, possibly Westminister. Please apply to Post Office.

STRAYED—From 222 Nisbett Street, Gordon sett dog, 4 months old. Phone 1082. A. Tripp.

WILL THE PERSON OWN TAKING BLACK PANTS, PLEASE CALL. Monday evenings from behind counter in Spencer's Calendar Dept., please return same before further steps are taken.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 34

A M open to purchase small country store, any part of Vancouver Island, considered a good investment. Apply 3226 Graham St. to Box 1833, Colonial, will receive immediate attention. Price, \$1,000 up to \$2,500; \$7,000 cash to be first payment.

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BOATS AND LAUNCHES 36

FOR Sale—Fishing boat, 55 ft. with heavy duty hull, Imperial engine in good order. Will demonstrate. Phone 6141R.

LAUNCH for hire, short or long trips. Particulars and terms above Belmont 1124.

SUMMER RESORTS 41

BELMONT View Hotel, Cowichan Bay, is still open, and on Island Highway, contrary to report of Island Development Association, has a few guests for winter months. Reasonable rates. Bathers, Prop., Phone 781, Duncan.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY 37

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REACHES EMPRESS OF RUSSIA BY SEAPLANE

It Was Santa That Did It—
Sent Wireless Message
Ahead of Him, But None Saw
Him Come

With her passages and public rooms resplendent in Christmas decorations, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia, Captain W. Dixon Hopcroft, R. N. R., reached port on Monday morning from the Orient. Reaching Victoria early in the vessel, the voyage reflecting the Yuletide travel depression. There was plenty of Christmas spirit aboard, however, and the voyagers of tender years were not forgotten by Santa Claus. The old gentleman came by wire, though none saw him arrive. This year the mystery of course could solve, but there was no doubt about it that that was the way he had come. In the first place, there was no other route for him, and, more than that, there was his wireless message telling of his departure from the Polar regions.

"I will leave my ice hut at 3:30 and will fly my airplane to the Empress of Russia," was his promise. "Owing to you distance at sea, weather conditions and number of presents for good little people, I will not arrive before 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day. From 2:30 p.m. expect all grownups to join me in the fun and make fun for my children."

It was promptly at 4:30 that Capt. Hopcroft disappeared and Santa Claus walked into the salon. Voyage Unexceptional. No effort was made by the big liner



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"I understand now why so many people praise Taniac as I have tried it myself and it certainly is a wonderful cigarette," said Mrs. Della Kunze, 856 Lill Avenue, Chicago, valued employee of the Boston Department Store.

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"There are absolutely no words that can express my delight at the remarkable improvement I obtained from Taniac. It benefited me in every way. Instead of being depressed and melancholy and tired and worn out I am full of life and energy and cheerful and happy all the time. I've gained twelve pounds in weight, too."

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ELEMENTS UNKIND TO SCHOONER LADY MINE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Storms dismasted the Canadian auxiliary schooner Lady Mine, which put into the harbor here to-day in tow of a tugboat. Disabled off San Francisco, the schooner, bound from Vancouver to Ensenada, Mexico, lost its cargo, and the holds were flooded. According to Captain Carl Aul, all hands were forced to bat for five hours to keep the craft afloat while repairs were made to the storm-opened hatchways. The vessel is owned in Vancouver and is an old sealing schooner.

The steam lumber schooner Yellowstone, three days overdue, arrived from Grays Harbor tonight with cargo intact.

to make port in time to speed out from the Japan coast it was known that it would be impossible to make quarantine on Sunday, more owing to the short hours of daylight than regarding weather conditions.

The voyage, as far as wind and sea were concerned, was unexceptional, there being practically no rough weather.

The passenger list consisted of 52 first class & second class and 380 steerage, most of the latter Chinese in a few Filipinos and some East Indians. Most of the Orientals were bound for Jamaica, Trinidad and other Atlantic and West Indies destinations.

Among the Passengers

The saloon travelers included Mr. A. J. McNamee and Mr. Carlton Stone, of Duncan. Mr. Stone is manager of the Bank of Commerce in the Up Island city. Both went out on the Russia, making the round trip by the crew.

Horsemen Saves Crew

Another voyager was Mr. Jack Napier, cadre aboard the Canadian Pacific freighter Matawa, now operating on the China coast, who managed to get home for Christmas after missing his return flight. Eddie is one of the boys sent to sea from the ranks of the Royal Naval Brigade, and is the son of Mr. G. F. Napier, of the Public Works Department.

Mr. E. A. G. May, of Kobe, is assistant manager of the Dowdell & Company office at the Japanese port. He is going to his home in Eastern Canada.

Mr. G. R. Robinson, of Shanghai has been in the employ of the Shanghai Race Club. He is well known in racing circles on this continent as well as in the Orient, having been in former days connected with Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, Mr. August Belmont Jr. and other members of the famous stables. He went to Shanghai at the request of horse-lovers there to place his knowledge and experience at the disposal of the race club.

SHIP THAT WRECKED HALIFAX MEETS END

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 27.—A strange coincidence of the seas has been brought to light in disappearances reaching Halifax and ending in the fate of the former Belgian steamer Ima off the East Falkland Islands on December 6, the fourth anniversary of the day in which she collided in Halifax harbor with the French munition ship Mont Blanc and caused an explosion which resulted in the death of 2,000 and property damages estimated at \$30,000,000. The Ima herself escaped at the time of the catastrophe when the tide of the harbor bore her quickly away from the flaming munitions ship, across the ocean, on her reefed hull. She was soon lost, and soon had the line ashore. Then pulling a stout line ashore she attached it to a tree, and the weary mariners made their way ashore.

FIFTY NEWFOUNDLAND SHIPS LOST IN YEAR

Year Has Taken Heavy Toll of Hardy Mariners and Vessels of Atlantic—Thirty Lives Were Lost

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27.—Newfoundland shipping has suffered severely during the past year, and at least thirty men of the ancient colony lost their lives at sea. Fifty vessels mostly schooners, were wrecked and gone down in the last twelve months. Schooners lost with the men who manned them were: Douglas H. Adams, Perle Wele, Helen C. Morse, Passport and Jean and Mary.

The Adams left Lisbon, Portugal, for Twillingate early in the Spring and has not been heard from since. She carried a crew of six men.

The Morse, a new vessel, left New York with hard coal for St. John's three months ago, and is numbered among the missing ships. She also carried six men.

The Helen Morse left Little Bay Islands for St. Anthony on October 28, and evidently foundered in the great storm which broke over Newfoundland next day. She carried six men.

The Jean and Mary, cut adrift when the steamer Ingraham, which was towing her from St. John's to Twillingate, ran ashore on North Penguin Island the night of December 6, was driven on the South Penguin Island, and broken up by the heavy seas. Two crew members were washed ashore, but the bodies of the crew were not recovered.

Passenger List

The forty-five vessels which were wrecked without loss of life, the majority were victims of the early Winter storms, and left their bones upon their rugged marshy shores. Several schooners were lost, according to the latest weather in mid-Atlantic, their crews being rescued by passing steamers. One craft, the Nordic, was lost in the Mediterranean. Caught in a violent storm shortly after leaving Naples, she lost her sail, and on the eve of a wild night was driven westward by the force of the wind of Corsica. The boarding party took the boats away, and the crew were driven to the rigging. After pounding heavily for a while the vessel was lifted over the reef and sank with her stern half-way above the surge of the storm. All the men clung to the rigging, and when darkness came the crew to leeward appeared to be deserted. But after some hours a Corsican on horseback appeared, and the men in the rigging attached a life belt to a small line and tossed it into the surf. After drifting long for some time the lifeless men in the wash, and the crew began to give up hope. But presently the Corsican drove his horse into the surf in an attempt to reach the lifebelt; four times his horse was plucked up by currents and flung back to shore. But the fifth time he rode to safety, and soon had the line ashore. Then pulling a stout line ashore he attached it to a tree, and the weary mariners made their way ashore.

NEW MOTORSHIP LINE FOR PACIFIC PORTS

ATESVAN—Overcast, calm, 28°; smooth. 8:00 a.m. Spoke Rio Grande for Victoria, 30 miles south. Columbia River. Spoke St. John's. 3:00 p.m. Moffat for Fort Walla, 40 miles south Port Waja. Spoke Liebe Goodrich for Seattle. 4:00 p.m. Spoke Liberator for San Pedro, 200 miles from Victoria. Spoke San Joaquin for San Pedro, 200 miles from San Francisco. Spoke Colonel E. L. Drake for Richmond, 1,800 miles from San Francisco, 140 miles north San Francisco. Spoke Archer for Yokohama, 1,226 miles from Honolulu. Spoke Canada Traveler for Vancouver, 1,776 miles from Great Camp Flattery, 800 miles Canadian Winter for San Francisco. Spoke Lascelas for Portland, 588 miles from Columbia River. Spoke Harold Dollar for San Francisco, position 44°45' N, 123°45' W. Spoke Empress of Japan, outbound position 41°57' N, 159°44' W. Spoke Canada Traveler for Vancouver, 1,776 miles from Great Camp Flattery, 800 miles Canadian Winter for San Francisco. Alert Bay—Clear, calm, 28°; smooth. 10:00 a.m. Spoke 4:30 p.m. Latouche through Seymour Narrows, 1 p.m. south.

Katevan—Cloudy, calm, 28°; smooth. 4:00 p.m. City of Spokane passed Flattery, Seattle for Yokohama.

Point Grey—Overcast, calm, 20°; smooth.

Cape Lam—Overcast, calm, 20°; smooth. 4:00 p.m. Spoke 4:30 p.m. Latouche through Seymour Narrows, 1 p.m. south.

Alert Bay—Clear, calm, 28°; smooth.

Ocean Falls—Clear, calm, 29°; smooth. 5:00 p.m. Spoke 6:00 p.m. Latouche north.

Will Harbor—Clear, calm, 28°; smooth.

Dead Tree—Clear, calm, 28°; smooth.

Prins Rupert—Clear, calm, 29°; smooth.

Steamer Movements

RAT FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Arrived Ventura, Sydney, Admiral Evans, Port Merchant, Hamburg; Admiral Goodrich, San Francisco; Lieback, San Pedro; Anne Hanley, San Diego; Adm. Faragut, San Diego. Sailed: Coast Guard, Yokohama; Manila Maru, Hong Kong; City of Vancouver, Shanghai.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Eastern Merchant, Hamburg; Admiral Goodrich, San Francisco; Lieback, San Pedro; Anne Hanley, San Diego. Adm. Faragut, Yokohama; Manila Maru, Hong Kong; City of Vancouver, Shanghai.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Bay State, Canada; Admiral Faragut, San Francisco; Kiso Maru, Tokyo, Japan. Vancouver. Sailed: Konko Maru, No.

Two ships of the Osaka Shosen Kaihatsu were at anchor here yesterday, one inbound and one outbound. The Africa Maru arrived in the morning, and was here until eight o'clock last night discharging. Between 400 and 500 tons of cargo were aboard for landing here, most of it being Chinese merchandise for the New Year's market of the Orientals. A light passenger ship brought in, all Japanese, discharging at this port. Captain K. Tashiro commands the Africa, and reported an uneventful voyage.

The Manila Maru, of the Osaka fleet, passed out to sea last night after loading 1,000 tons of coal at Seattle and Tacoma. Arriving from Asia at 8:00 o'clock, she cleared outward for the United States.

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A Special C/C La Grace Corset of white coutil, elastic top, free hip and four hose supporters. On sale today at \$1.98
A Brassiere for the stout woman of heavy Lyke linen, with hooks in front and neatly trimmed. Sizes 40 to 54. On sale today at..... 1.75
—Corsets, 1st Floor—Phone 1194

Women's Flannelette Nightgowns at 98c Bloomers at 75c

Women's Nightgowns of fine quality flannelette, slip-over style, short sleeves and trimmed with blue and fancy stitching. Special at, each..... 98c
Women's Bloomers of white and striped flannelette, of excellent quality; all sizes. Special at, a pair..... 75c
—Witewear, 1st Floor—Phone 1194

Perfumes at Special Sale Prices

Perfumes, in fancy boxes and all odors, will be cleared at special reductions.
35c values for..... 25c
50c values for..... 35c
65c values for..... 45c
75c values for..... 55c
\$1.00 values for..... 75c
—Perfumery Dept.

Cuticura Soap

Special Sale, 75c box of 3 cakes for..... 57c
Only delivered with other goods.
—Toilet Articles Dept., Main Floor

New Year's Cards and Calendars In Large Variety
—Stationery, Lower Main Floor

Three Special Blouse Bargains Today at \$1.98 Each

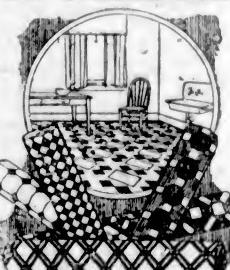
Voile, Silk and Flannelette Blouses, in neat styles, and well made from the best grade materials. The values are extraordinary at, each..... \$1.98
—1st Floor

Bead Necklets Selling at 25c, 50c and 75c Each

Bead Necklets in graduated links and plain shades of amethyst, amber, jet and green. Regular 50c, 75c and \$1.50 values to clear at, each, 25c, 50c and, 75c
—Jewelry, Main Floor

Heavy Printed and Genuine Inlaid Linoleum at Low Prices

Printed Well Seasoned Linoleum, in good designs, at, a square yard..... 95c
Canadian Made Printed Linoleum, shown in excellent designs and printed on a cork base, at, a square yard, \$1.08
Nairn's Printed Linoleum, an imported Scotch Linoleum, world renowned for quality, now only..... \$1.25
Inlaid Linoleum, including such well known makes as Greenwich, Barry's, Nairn's, at the following low prices, a square yard, \$2.95, \$2.35 and..... \$2.00
—Linoleums, 1st Floor—Phone 5441

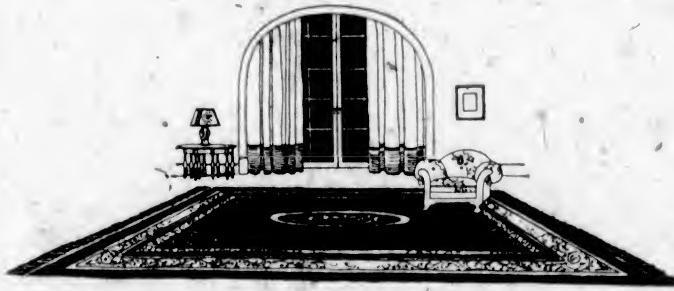


A Sale of Silk REMNANTS

The Aftermath of Our December Silk Sale
All Remnants at Half Price

As usual after our December Silk Sale we have many Remnants that must be disposed of; so, in order to clear them off quickly, we are offering the entire accumulation at just half price. There are Remnants of Messalines, Satins, Jap Silk, Velvet, Velveteen and other fine fabrics. Wonderful values at just half price.

—Silks, Main Floor—Phone 3282



Durable and Artistic WILTON RUGS

Providing Many Excellent Values

Wilton Rugs, now much lower in price, are shown in our stocks in large assortment. All the regular sizes are shown and a wide range of new colorings and designs.
Rugs, 9 ft. x 12 ft. Excellent values at \$55.00
Rugs, 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in., in best designs, \$47.50
Rugs, 4 ft. 6 in. x 7 ft. 6 in.; very neat designs, at..... \$19.75
—Carpeta, 2nd Floor

Inviting Values in Bedroom Furniture

Today you are offered an opportunity to purchase Beds, Mattresses and Dresses at prices exceedingly low. While Enamel Iron Beds, with two-inch continuous posts and five one-inch fillers, sizes 4 ft. 6 in. and 3 ft. 3 in. wide. Special at..... \$14.75
Felt Mattresses made in layers, and guaranteed not to lump; comfortable mattresses, covered with excellent grade ticking. All sizes at..... \$8.75
Dressers in golden finish, made with three long drawers and plate mirror. Special at..... \$13.90
Dressers in white and ivory enamel, with three long drawers, and fitted with plate mirrors. Special, each, \$17.90
—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Kitchen Chairs \$1.35 Each Today

Well made Kitchen Chairs, in golden finish and strongly made, with double rungs. Only six sold to a customer. Big value at, each, \$1.35
—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Grocereria Daily Bulletin

Local Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. tin for..... 89c
Spratt's Dog Biscuits, 5-lb. sack for..... 50c
Fruit Wines, per bottle..... 43c
Ginger Wine, 25c bottles for..... 18c
Preserved Ginger, per lb. 26c
Spencer's Jelly Powders, per package..... 9c
Toilet Rolls, each..... 4c
King Oscar Sardines, tin, 19c
Acme Laundry Starch, pkg. 10c
New Walnuts, per lb. 17c
Fels Naptha Soap, bar..... 9c
Australian Rabbit, 2-lb. net tins for..... 39c
Shredded Wheat Biscuits, per package..... 12½c
—Provisions, Lower Main Floor

Provision Counter Bulletin

Smocked Picnic Hams at, lb. 35c
Choice Side Bacon, in the piece, lb. 32c
Unsmoked Cottage Rolls, at..... 23c
Spencer's Prime Butter, at, lb. 44c or 3 lbs. for..... 21.25
Nucoo at, ptk. 35c
English Stilton Cheese at, per lb. \$1.10
Ontario Cheese, at, lb. 26c
B. C. Fresh Eggs, at, doz.... 65c
Headcheese, at, lb. 18c
Sauerkraut, at, lb. 15c

Fresh Meats Cash and Carry, as Cut in Cases

Plate Beef, at, lb. 9c
Lean Boneless Stewing Beef, a lb. 12c
Mince Steak, at, a lb. 11c
T-Bone Steak, at, a lb. 27c
Round Steak at, lb. 15c and 18c
Sirloin Tip Steak, at, a lb. 22c
Crushed Bone, sold with meat orders, 5 lbs. for..... 15c

Meat at Delivery Prices

Phone 2072. Two Deliveries Daily
8 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
Lamb Steaks at, a lb. 32c
Rib Lamb Chops, at, lb. 38c
—Lower Main Floor

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